

1954





GEN



*Excalibur*

GC  
977.102  
V38VWH  
1954





Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2011 with funding from  
E-Yearbook.com

<http://www.archive.org/details/excalibur1954vanw>



CLASS MOTTO  
Today decides tomorrow

CLASS FLOWER  
Yellow rose





Editor-in-Chief .....Reha Elston  
 Associate Editor .....Dave Hertel  
 Business Managers .....John Blake, Loretta Huffine  
 Sports Editors.....Alice Jones, Bill Waldron  
 Music Editors.....Sharon McCollum, Karen Brockert  
 Dramatic Editor.....Kathleen Moore  
 Social Editor.....Ann Helman  
 Picture Editors.....Steve Moyer, Dick Giessler  
 Organization Editors.....Joan Wells, Chuck Richey  
 Art Editor.....Kenny Knittle  
 Financial Committee.....:

Marcia Miller, Treasurer  
 Mary Jerome  
 Danny Murphy  
 Ginger Miller  
 Kay Brown  
 Roxanna Smitley  
 Carol Miller  
 Jane Good  
 Beverly Case  
 Judy Nash

Joy Preston  
 Gerry Dierks  
 Fred Giessler  
 Lewis Dustman  
 Joe Raabe  
 Tom Kiggins  
 Gail Burget  
 Carol Miller  
 Travis Kouts  
 Bill Gipe



TOP ROW: Fred Giessler, Kenny Knittle, Joe Raabe, Lewis Dustman, Steve Moyer, Dave Hertel, Tom Kiggins, Bill Gipe, Chuck Richey. SECOND ROW: Marcia Miller, Roxanna Smitley, Elaine Blair, Judy Nash, Carol Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dick Giessler, Gail Burget, John Blake. THIRD ROW: Sharon McCollum, Jane Good, Carol Doner, Bev Case, Alice Jones, Bill Waldron, Danny Murphy. BOTTOM ROW: Mary Jerome, Kay Brown, Joy Preston, Ann Helman, Ginger Miller, Joan Wells, Reha Elston.

The Excalibur Staff of 1954 wishes to express its appreciation to all the teachers of Van Wert High and to all the businessmen for their kind co-operation. The staff is proud to announce that they not only edited the 1954 Excalibur but also financed it without the aid of ads but by various activities throughout the school year. Some of the activities sponsored by the staff are candy sales, Homecoming dance, mums, penny lunch, barbeque, tax stamps, and the subscriptions to the Excalibur. We, the staff of "54", give our best wishes to the staff of "55" and hope they have as successful a year as we.



### ALMA MATER

*O Van Wert Hi, the school we love,  
Our true devotion we would prove;  
Thy traditions gladly share,  
The noble banner proudly bear.  
In our work and in our play  
We'll ever strive to lead the way.  
School we love, on us rely,  
The loyal youth of Van Wert Hi.*



### VAN WERT HIGH FIGHT SONG

*We're loyal to you Van Wert High  
We're all staunch and true Van Wert High  
We'll back you to stand  
Against the best in the land  
For we know you will win Van Wert High  
Rab! Rab!  
Go crashing ahead Van Wert High  
Go smashing ahead Van Wert High  
Our team is our faith protector  
Our boys will all expect  
A victory from you Van Wert High.*

# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 7—Labor Day.
- 8—Went to Fair.
- 9—Oh, my aching stomach!
- 10—Pageant—one, two, three, four—
- 11—League Preview at Wapak.
- 14—School! Hi Greenies!
- 18—We beat Bryan 26-7.
- 20—Cooked (?) dinner at Reha's.
- 21—Pass the Alka-Seltzer!
- 22—Pictures taken—Camera broke on me.
- 25—Lost to Defiance 13-12.
- 26—Joan had one of her famous parties.
- 28—S.R.A. Tests—This is just the beginning!
- 29—Signed activity tickets.
- 30—Writers' cramp!

## OCTOBER

- 1—Class elections.
- 2—First Quill—We Beat Kenton 41-0.
- 6—Went roller skating.
- 7—Gave up roller skating.
- 9—Swamped Shawnee 34-6.
- 12—Learned to knit today.
- 13—Y-Teen Meeting.
- 16—Homecoming. Barbecue. Tied Bellefontaine 7-7. Queen Kay.
- 18—Methodist Hayride. Discovered I have hay fever.
- 19—Started English report. It's about time.
- 22—Hospital Assembly.
- 23—Teachers' Meeting. End of six weeks. Lost to Wapak 19-7.
- 27—Business Education Day.
- 28—G.A.A. Football Potluck.
- 30—Fall Festival.
- 31—Midnight Show. Steve embarrassed.

## NOVEMBER

- 1—Recuperating!!
- 2—Elizabeth and Essex.
- 4—Student Council.
- 5—Tied St. Marys 20-20. First Snow.
- 7—Jane's party—entertained by Phil's germs.
- 9—Started knitting argyles for ..... for Christmas.
- 10—G.A.A. Program for Mothers.
- 11—No school!!
- 12—Juniors order class rings.
- 13—Walloped Celina 53-21. Dads' Night.
- 15—Potluck for P—Kay at Loretta's.
- 17-18—Junior Class Play—"Wish On the Moon."
- 20—"Turkey Wobble" Mixer—Turkey injected humor into the evening.
- 25—Thanksgiving Assembly 2:30.
- 26—Vacation.
- 27—Formation of the S.S.Q.'s. Wow!
- 28—Won first basketball game from Findlay 45-41.
- 30—First Community Concert. Piano Duo.

## DECEMBER

- 1—Football Banquet.
- 2—Val Lauder spoke at assembly. The boys loved it!!
- 4—Lost to Lima Central.
- 5—Beaten again by Defiance.
- 8—Junior-Senior Y-Teen Christmas Party.
- 11—Beat Ada in overtime 62-55.
- 13—"Messiah".
- 15—Lost by one measley point to St. Johns.
- 16—D.C.T. Party.
- 18—Won over Shawnee 60-59.
- 19—Decorated Christmas trees.
- 21—One and ½ argyles. Poor ..... Dad, can I have an advance??
- 22—Christmas assembly.
- 23—Getting into the spirit! Christmas exchange at Jane's.
- 24—Santa Claus comes tonight!

- 25—Was he good to you?
- 27—Went ice skating.
- 28—Gave up ice skating. Beat Celina in tournament.
- 29—Snowball. Got kicked out of cemetery at 3 A.M.
- 31—Joan's Party. Hoppy New Year!! Whoopee!!!

## JANUARY

- 1—Slept in.
- 3—Rode Flutter May.
- 4—Back to the old grind!
- 6—F.F.A. Meeting.
- 8—Lost to Bellefontaine.
- 9—Surprise party for Loretta. Ouch!
- 12—Beat Paulding.
- 14—Assembly. The Smythes.
- 15—Lost league game to St. Marys.
- 16—Senior Scholarship Test—Look, Mom, no brains!!
- 19—Joint Senior Hi-Y and Y-Teen Meeting.
- 20—Excalibur Penny Lunch.
- 22—Basketball at Celina—lost.
- 23—Lost again to Xenia Central.
- 26—Again to Decatur.
- 27—Alice operated on.
- 30—Junior Y-Teen Bake Sale.

## FEBRUARY

- 3—F.H.A. and F.F.A. Meetings.
- 8-10—Vocal Varieties. Really different.
- 12—Beat Bluffton. Y-Teen Valentine Dance. Queen and King of Hearts.
- 15—Community Concert. Five Harpists.
- 16—Y-Teen County Dinner.
- 17-18—Lions' Club Minstrel.
- 19—Walloped Kenton 50-40.
- 21—Joy's Party. Fun!
- 22—No school, thank heavens!
- 23—Sinclair Talent Show.
- 26—Beat Bryan 71-56. Sock Hop.
- 27—Declamation Contest. Coal Miners!

## MARCH

- 1—Beat Napoleon in tournament.
- 3—Senior Class Play tryouts.
- 4—Lost to Bryan in tournament—Nice work, Fellows!
- 8-10—Dr. Frank Slutz.
- 12—End of 4th six weeks—only 12 more to go!
- 14—Gave up knitting argyles. Hopeless case!
- 17-19—One Act Plays. Speech Classes.
- 23-26—Every Pupil Tests.
- 30—Assembly.
- 31—Preliminary District State Tests.

## APRIL

- 1—Trav's on the loose again! Beware!!
- 6-7—Senior Class Play. Charge!
- 10—State finals for solos and ensembles at BGSU.
- 15—Easter Assembly.
- 16—No school. Good Friday.
- 23—G.A.A. Mixer.
- 30—County Y-Teen Dance.

## MAY

- 1—Final District State Tests.
- 7—S.S.Q.'s whoop it up!!
- 11—Senior Y-Teen Farewell Meeting.
- 14—Band Festival.
- 21—Junior-Senior Prom. Look, Mom, no feet!!
- 22—Sleep, blessed sleep!
- 23—Baccalaureate.
- 27—We're almost there!!
- 28—Senior assembly. Elks Dance.

## JUNE

- 1—Commencement at 6:30.
- 2—Out at last!
- 3—Resumed knitting argyles. If at first you don't succeed . . .
- 4—Grade cards.
- 5—Have a great summer, kids!





We, the Excalibur Staff, are proud to dedicate our 1954 Excalibur to Mr. Coon, our advisor. We feel he has done an outstanding job in his field and has contributed to our high school's high scholastic and social standards. May you continue to be as friendly and helpful in the future as you have been in the past.



## SCHOOL BOARD

LEFT TO RIGHT: Donald White, Vice-President; Henry Prior; R. D. Benner; Hazel Gleason, President; Walter Tolan; Cyril Bechtol; F. Earl Shaffer, Clerk.

The school board is composed of a group of civic minded citizens who sacrifice their time and careers so that Van Wert may have a better school system. Due gratitude should be expressed to them for their fine governing of our schools.



### MR. BENNET

Mr. Bennet serves as superintendent of schools in the city of Van Wert and is a very busy man. He still finds time, however, to take a personal interest in the functions of the high schools and its students. The class of '54 is happy to have had the acquaintance of such a man and we know Mr. Bennet will continue doing his best for Van Wert High.

### MR. BAKER

We, the members of the class of 1954, have considered ourselves especially fortunate to have had Mr. Baker as our friend and counsellor for our 4 years of high school life. Since high school is not "all work and no play", Mr. Baker has shown us that he is not only highly competent in the



scholastic part of high school but that he will also go far out of his way to assist the individual or the various clubs in planning their programs. We are proud to have had Mr. Baker as our principal and we hope that we will be able to live up to the high qualities and good citizenship which he has tried to instill in us at all times.

### MR. GALAPOO

As head of the guidance department of V. W. H. S., Mr. Gallapoo has labored long and tirelessly to help the students of the high school find part time employment, help him decide on his life career, or perhaps advise him of a particular college. Whatever he is engaged in, you can be sure he will gladly pitch in and help so someone else may benefit. He has proved himself to be able to teach in the classroom also. Van Wert should be proud to have Mr. Gallapoo as a member of the faculty.





MR. F. EARL SHAFFER  
*Clerk of Board of Education  
 Building Superintendent*



MR. ROBERT JEROME  
*Attendance Officer*



MRS. ALICE ANN SHAW  
*Secretary to Mr. Baker*



MRS. MARY EHMAN  
*Secretary to Mr. Bennett*



MISS HELEN RHOEM  
*Secretary to Mr. Shaffer*



DAILY DUTY



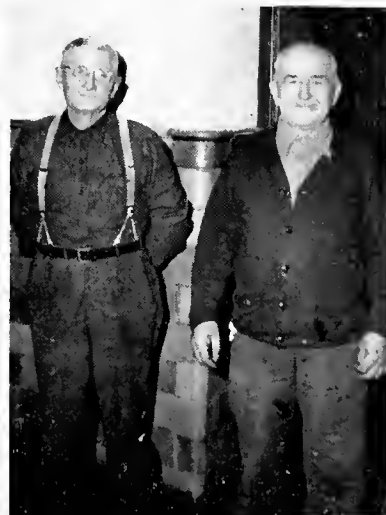
JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL



SAME ROUTINE



JOHN AND RAY



JOHN AND TERRY



**ETHEL ARMSTRONG**

B.A.  
Miami University  
Ohio State Graduate Work  
Sophomore Class Adviser



**JUANITA BAXTER**

B.S.  
Ohio State University  
Home Economics  
Co-adviser of F.H.A.



**GERALD D. BOWEN**

A.B., M.A.  
Huntington College  
Bowling Green  
Ohio State  
Miami  
University of Missouri  
Junior Class Adviser



**BERNARD BRICKER**

M.B.A.  
Toledo University  
Bowling Green

*Fac*



**JOSEPHINE BURKAM**

B.A., M.A.  
James Millikin University  
Middlebury College  
Junior Y-Teens Adviser



**CLARENCE CLINE**

B.S.  
Miami University  
University of West Virginia  
Basketball and Baseball Coach

**CALVIN J. COTRELL**

B.S., M.E.  
Ohio State University  
University of Missouri  
DCT Coordinator  
VIC Adviser



**LELA DUPREY**

B.S.  
Ohio University  
G.A.A. Adviser



**H. HERBERT JONES**

B.S.  
Bluffton College  
Supervisor of Vocal and  
Band Music



**I. G. KATTERHEINRICH**

B.S., M.A.  
Bliss College  
Kent State  
Cincinnati University  
Miami University Extension  
Faculty Manager of Athletics  
Central Treasurer



**GLENN H. LIVINGSTON**

B.A., M.A.  
University of Michigan  
Columbia University  
Kalamazoo Normal  
Ohio State University  
University of New Hampshire  
V-Club Adviser  
Freshman Class Adviser



**NICHOLAS KLUTKA**

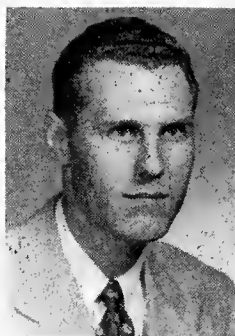
B.A., M.A.  
University of Florida  
University of West Virginia  
Freshman Football and  
Basketball  
Boys' Intramurals



ulty



**MARTHA LOWN**  
B.S., M.A.  
Bowling Green  
Ohio State University  
Senior Y-Teens Adviser



**GERALD I. MANKEN**  
B.S., M.E.  
Ohio State University  
Hi-Y Adviser



**G. C. MASON**  
B.S., M.A.  
Ohio Northern University  
Ohio State University  
Industrial Arts



**R. P. RAUCH**  
B.A., M.A.  
Miami University  
Wooster  
Ohio State University

*Fac*



**ELIZABETH O. RIMER**  
B.A.  
Ohio State University  
Scarlet Quill Adviser



**MARY SAWYER**  
B.S., M.S.  
Ohio University  
F.H.A. Adviser



**DWIGHT E. SMITH**

B.S.  
Ohio State University  
F.F.A. Adviser



**GILBERT E. SMITH**

B.A., M.A.  
Defiance College  
Columbia University  
Football Coach  
Athletic Director



**H. B. SPIETH**

B.A.  
Bowling Green  
Defiance College  
Ohio State University



**ROBERT H. WARYE**

B.S.  
Ohio State University  
Art Department



**FRED WILLIAMS**

B.S., M.S.  
Ohio Northern University  
Ohio State University



**ELEANOR WHITE**

B.A., M.A.  
Oberlin  
Wellesley College  
National Honor Society Adviser



*ulty*



**Hen party!**



**Eek!**



**I'll get you yet!**



**Watch the birdie!**



**Oh, that evil look!**



**Wha hopen?**



**Her Majesty**



**Vicious circle!**



**Penny lunchers**



**Hop, hop, hop!**



**Crazy mixed-up kids!**



**Happy Birthday, Carol!**



**Our Star!**



**Our Queen**



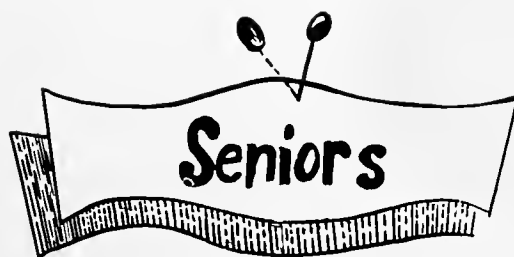
**Forward March**



**When we were young and Innocent!**



**Dreaming, Nancy?**





## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

Since that glorious September day in 1950 when we, the class of 1954, entered Van Wert High; the number of you classmates has gradually decreased. Yet our loyalty to the school has grown and grown, until now, at commencement time, it has reached the peak. We hope this devotion will always remain this way.

Even when we were little frosh, we started looking forward to the day when we would be SENIORS. Yet, we knew that would be quite a while, so we began living our days one by one. We elected the following people to represent us during our freshman year; President, John Blake; Vice-President, Kathleen Moore; Secretary, Loretta Huffine; Treasurer, Reha Elston.

During our Sophomore year the following people were elected: President, Ben Spieth; Vice-President, Mary Jerome; Secretary, Karen Brockert; Treasurer, Reha Elston.

When we became Juniors we began to feel like wheels at last. We had complete charge of the Junior-Senior Prom; we presented our first class play; and we ordered our class rings. The class officers chosen that year were President, Dan Murphy; Vice-President, Kathleen Moore; Secretary, Ann Helman; Treasurer, Kay Preston.

We elected the following people to lead the class of 1954; President, Bill Dias; Vice-President, John Blake; Secretary, Loretta Huffine; Treasurer, Joy Preston. Of course, there were other leaders in our class. Presidents of various organizations were: G.A.A. Barbara LaLonde; Y-Teens, Joan Wells; V-Club, Trav Kouts; Senior Hi-Y, John Blake; F.F.A., Fred Giessler; F.T.A., Judy Nash; Rendezvous, Trav Kouts; Student Council, Phil Tanner; and National Honor Society, Chuck Richey.

Five of the more energetic girls of our class who have been cheerleaders were, Vangie Barrientoes, with three years to her credit; Carolyn Bradford, two years; Joanne Johnson, two years; Jane Good, one year; and Nancy Imler, one year.

Reha Elston and Loretta Huffine did a fine job of strutting before the band.

Our very lovely homecoming queen this year was Kay Brown, who previously had been an attendant for two years. Kay's attendant this year was Shirley Speakman.

The girls chosen to take the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Test were Reha Elston, Ginger Miller, Kathleen Moore, Joy Preston, and Sue Rager.

The Junior Rotarians were John Blake, Fred Giessler, Dave Hertel, Dick Giessler, Tom Kiggins, Steve Moyer, Dan Murphy, Joe Raabe, Chuck Richey, and Phil Tanner.

Those rambunctious lads who helped our Cougar football team were Roger Agler, Bill Dias, Gerry Dierks, Ron Doner, Gale Gilliland, Trav Kouts, Dan McConahay, Chuck Richey, Phil Tanner, Lester Wisener. The outstanding backfieldman was Dan McConahay, and the lineman was Phil Tanner. Chosen on the W.B.L. team were Bill Dias, Gale Gilliland, Ron Doner, and Chuck Richey. The manager was Ron Lowe.

Our basketball team included these seniors; Dave Hertel, Stan Miller, Dan Murphy, and Chuck Richey. The team's manager was Bill Waldron. Their team won the Celina tournament during our Junior and Senior years.

And then there was a baseball team, too. Roger Agler, Dick Giessler, Bill Gipe, Dan Murphy, and Chuck Richey helped to make up this team.

During our high school life there were certain highlights which we shall not easily forget. The a capella choir received a 1 in state contest for three straight years and the 1952-1953 football team was W. B. L. champs.

Members of the National Honor Society who were elected our Junior year were Chuck Richey, President; Kathleen Moore, Vice-President; Kay Brown, Secretary; Ann Helman, Treasurer. The new members are Karen Brockert, Marcia Miller, Ginger Miller, Reha Elston, Joan Wells, and Steve Moyer.

Last, but certainly not the least, was commencement. We hope in some small way each member of the class of 1954 has contributed to the betterment of the school. We sincerely want to thank all our teachers for all the headaches and the enjoyments which they have helped us through. Thus with the foundation that has been laid for us these past four years, we hope that someday Van Wert High will say of the class of '54, "We're proud of you."

**ROGER LELAND AGLER** "Rosey"

*Here is a guy we call Rog,  
Work or play he'll never dodge.*

Hi-Y Member 2, 4; V-Club Member 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; F.T.A. Member 1.



**JACK AURAND** "Jack"

*Jack we call him, John's his name,  
We know he'll reach his goal of fame.*

D.C.T. Member 4; One Act Plays.



**KAY BAGLEY** "Kay"

*Neat and nice is our Kay,  
She is tops in every way.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2.

**COLLEEN MARIE BAIRD** "Minnie"

*Here we have a happy lass,  
She doesn't worry, she knows she'll pass.*

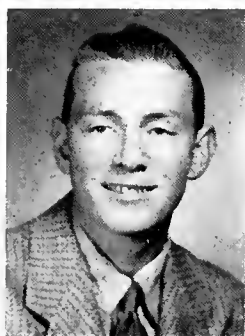
G.A.A. Member 1, 2; F.H.A. Member 2, 3; Band 1; Senior Scholarship test; Intramurals 1, 2; Class Play 3.



**FRANCIS BALLIET** "Whitey"

*Francis is the kind of guy,  
Who speaks to all as they pass by.*

Football 1, 2.



**SANDRA LEE BALTZELL** "Sandy"

*A swell girl we all agree,  
Just look and you will see.*

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette 1, 2, 3; D.C.T. 4; Choir 1, 2.



**EVANGELINE BARRIENTOS** "Vangie"

*Vangie sure has loads of pep,  
At everything she is adept.*

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Lyre Club Member 2; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

**RICHARD BARRIENTOS** "Barry"

*Rick is great we all agree,  
Fortune smiled on him you see.*

D.C.T. Member 4; D.C.T. Cabinet 4; Sergeant at Arms; Football 1, 2; Basketball 1; Baseball 1.





**JOHN BLAKE**

"Johnny"

*Here's a lad active in every way,  
Friendliness and happiness every day.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Cabinet 4; President; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Junior Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Business Mgr.; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Rendezvous Committee 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Intramurals 3, 4; Class President 1; Class Vice President 4; Senior Class Play.



**ELAINE BLAIR**

*Elaine is known for her pretty hair,  
And her new last name of Blair.*



**JIM BOWERSOCK**

"Jay Bee"

*Jim is a sharp boy, we say  
Everyone seems to like him that way.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Senior Class Play.

**CAROLYN BRADFORD**

"Brad"

*From our heart she'll never stray,  
Not even for a single day.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2; G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Cheerleader 3, 4; Student Council 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.



**KAREN BROCKERT**

"Brock"

*Karen has a voice like a lark,  
In our hall of fame she'll leave a mark.*

Secretary 2; Y-Teens Music Chrm. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; National Honor Society 4.



**KAY BROWN**

"Queenie"

*Kay was our homecoming queen,  
We all think she is pretty keen.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Secretary 2; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; G.A.A. Cabinet 1; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Homecoming Queen; Homecoming Attendant 2, 3; Student Council 3; Intramurals 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; Secretary 3; Student Librarian 3, 4.



**MARTHA JEAN BROWN**

"Marti"

*Marti to us, she's really neat,  
She's one of those who are elite.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4.

**GAIL BURGET**

*Gail is known far and wide,  
In his car he'll take you a ride.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Sergeant at Arms 4; A Cappella Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Intramurals 3, 4; School Projectionist 2, 3, 4.



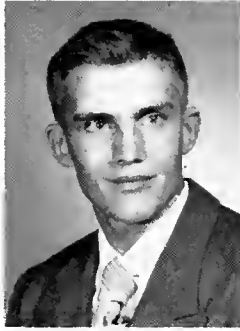


**RICHARD CARTER**

"Cu-ly"

*Dick's a diller, a dollar,  
What you'd call a ten o'clock scholar.*

D.C.T. Member 3, 4; Vice President 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2; Class Play "Beauty and the Beef."



**BEVERLY CASE**

"Gussie"

*Blonde, good-natured, witty as well,  
What she'll do next—no one can tell.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 1, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff, Scarlet Quill Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Senior Class Play.



**SHIRLEY A. COLLINS**

"Collie"

*Shirley has a love of sports,  
Her favorite is the basketball courts.*

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Basketball Manager 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef."

**ESTHER YVONNE COPELAND**

"Putt"

*Friendly toward all—with manner  
sweet,  
The kind of girl you'd like to meet.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 1; Usherette Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Cabinet—Vice-President 3; President 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef."

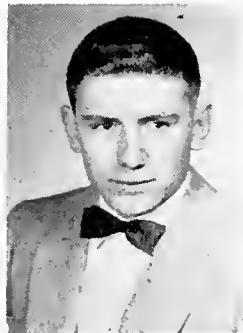


**RONALD CROWE**

"Horace"

*Mechanics seem to be in his line,  
At something like this he'll always be  
fine.*

D.C.T. Member 3, 4; Basketball 1; Intramurals 1.



**WILLIAM DIAS**

"Red"

*Here's a boy with a smooth technique,  
He also has a good physique.*

Class President 4; Hi-Y Member 1; V-Club Member 3, 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. Cabinet 2, 3; President 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Student Council 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 4.



**GERRY DIERKS**

"Gerry"

*Gerry is a lad who's easy to please,  
Full of mischief and ready to tease.*

Hi-Y Member 3, 4; V-Club Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Intramurals 3, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Vocal Varieties 2, 3, 4.

**CAROL DONER**

"Poe"

*Carol has blonde curly hair,  
When fun's to be had—  
She's always there.*

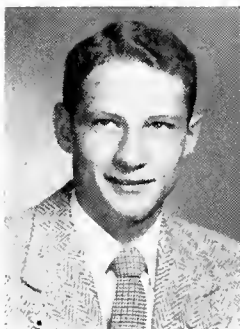
Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Vocal Varieties.



# LEWIE DUSTMAN

*Another one of those gay chaps,  
A furniture salesman he'll be, perhaps.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y  
Treasurer 2; Junior Prom Committee;  
Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays; Senior  
Class Play.



# LYDD EARLY

"Jubalee"

*Lloyd is straight, lanky, and tall,  
Just think how hard he'll have to fall.*

Scarlet Quill Staff; Chorus 3; Base-  
ball 4.



# MARIANNE EDWARDS "Peach"

*She lays her fingers upon the keys,  
Then hear those glad, gay melodies.*

Y-Teens member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-  
Teens Cabinet 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1;  
A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2,  
3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4;  
Junior Prom Committee; Senior Schol-  
arship Test; One Act Plays.

# REHA ELSTON

"Whisp"

*Reha is friendly, cute, and fun,  
A more sincere person you'll find  
none.*

Y-Teens member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-  
Teens Cabinet 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Mem-  
ber 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club  
Member 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee;  
Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur,  
Editor; Scarlet Quill Staff; Rendezvous  
Committee 2, 3, 4; Class Play, "Beau-  
ty and the Beef"; D.A.R. Pilgram  
Contestant; One Act Plays; Majorette  
4; Interclub Council 2; National Hon-  
or Society 4; F.T.A. Member.

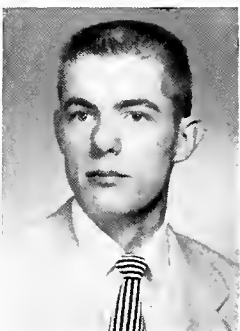


# JAN FARLOW

"Big Jan"

*A real sharp dresser have we here,  
Can dance superbly so we hear.*

Hi-Y member 1, 2, 3, 4; D.C.T.  
member 4; D.C.T. Cabinet 4; Chorus  
1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.



# ELAINE FAST

*She's tall as she walks down the hall,  
And she's as nice as she is tall.*

Y-Teens member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-  
Teens Cabinet 4; Senior Scholarship  
Test; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2,  
3, 4; Girls' Sextette 2, 3, 4; Band 1,  
2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 3, 4.



# CLARA MAE FURRELL "Clarie"

*Always full of fun and glee,  
Ready with a witty saying is she.*

Y-Teens member 1, 2; G.A.A. mem-  
ber 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Chorus 1.

# FRED GIESSLER

"F.W."

*Here is a swell guy to know,  
You'll hear him say "go fans go."*

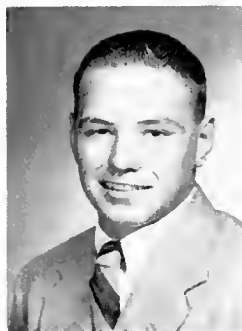
Hi-Y member 1, 3; F.F.A. member  
1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. Cabinet 3, 4;  
F.F.A. President 4; Band 2, 3, 4;  
Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4;  
Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur  
Staff; Student Council 1; Rendezvous  
Committee 1, Intramurals 1, 2, 3;  
Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef";  
Stage Manager; Junior Rotarian; One  
Act Plays; Vocal Varieties 3, 4;  
Senior Class Play.



**RICHARD A. GIESSLER "Big Dick"**

*One of the best looking boys we  
ever saw,  
If he'd give them a chance the  
girls he would draw.*

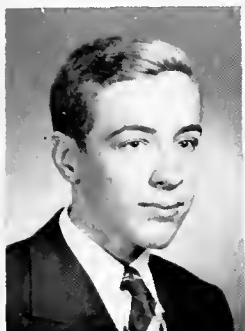
Hi-Y member 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y  
Cabinet 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y President 2;  
V-Club member 4; Chorus 1, A Cap-  
pella Choir 2; Baseball 2, 3; Junior  
Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Com-  
mittee; Senior Scholarship Test; Ex-  
calibur Staff Student Council 3, 4;  
Rendezvous Committee 1, 2; Intra-  
murals 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Class Play;  
Boys' State; Junior Rotarian; One Act  
Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Boys Octette 2; Camera Club 4; Stu-  
dent Director Visual Ed. 2, 3, 4.



**GALE GILLILAND "Shorty"**

*Just another bashful young farmer,  
You can see though, that he's quite*

*a charmer.*  
V-Club 3, 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2, 3,  
4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.



**WILLIMAN GINGRICH "Bill"**

*Grave as a judge but very nice,  
If you can but break the ice.*

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Mem-  
ber 2, 3.

**BILL GIPE "Gippie"**

*Kind of short, not too tall,  
But this boy's a friend to all.*

Hi-Y Member 3, 4; Hi-Y Cabinet  
4; V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; Chorus  
1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2,  
3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Ex-  
calibur Staff; Class Play "Beauty and  
the Beef."



**JANE GOOD "Janie"**

*To one boy she is willing to remain  
true,  
With her hair she looks good in blue.*

Y-Teens member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus  
1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Cheer-  
leader 2; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill  
Staff; One Act Plays; Vocal Varieties  
2, 3, 4.



**KAY HALLIWILL "Kity"**

*She is pleasant and happy all the  
while,  
And for everyone she has a smile.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus  
1, 2, 3.



**SHIRLEY CAROLINE IRENE HEIGHT  
"Clyde Dougal McFretter"**

*Happy, Smiling, full of pep,  
And to her studies she is hep.*

**ANN HELMAN "Annie"**

*Brains galore, loads of fun,  
When there's work, she'll get it done.*

Class Secretary 3; Y-Teens Member  
1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2, 3;  
F.T.A. Member 4; Junior Prom Com-  
mittee; Ring and Pin Committee;  
Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur  
Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Student Coun-  
cil 2; Class Play, "Beauty and the  
Beef"; Girls' State; National Honor  
Society 3, 4; One Act Plays; Scholar-  
ship Team 1, 2, 3.



**MARY LOU HERMINGHUYSEN**

*Happy am I; from care I'm free,  
Few things there are that worry me.*

G.A.A. Member 4.

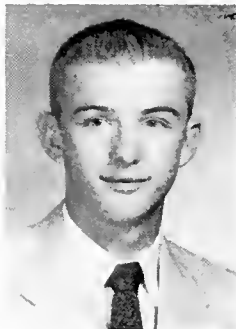


**DAVID HERTEL**

"Dave"

*We all think he's quite the kid,  
Bless you, Dave, you're got our bid.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Assistant Editor; Scarlet Quill Staff; Student Council 1, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Boys' State Alternate; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 4.



**BETTY HINES**

"Louy"

*This senior girl is quiet and shy,  
You'd never know she's at Van Wert*

*High.*  
Band 1, 2, 3.



**LORETTA HUFFINE**

"Huff"

*Small in stature, curly hair,  
Mischievous peaks out everywhere.*

Class Secretary 1, 4; Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabiner 2; F.T.A. Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 3, 4; Excalibur Business Manager; Scarlet Quill Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Vocal Varieties 2, 3, 4; Majorette 4; Senior Class Play.



**NANCY IMLER**

*Her ambition to be a nurse,  
But always to us our friend first.*

Y-Teens Member 1; Y-Teens Cabiner 1; G.A.A. Member 1; D.C.T. Member 4; D.C.T. Secretary 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2; Cheerleader 1, 2.



**INEZ JENKINS**

"Chick"

*By her picture you can see,  
She's just as nice as she can be.*

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Treasurer 4; F.T.A. Member 1, 2; Chorus 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 1, 2; Lyre Club Member 3, 4.



**MARY JEROME**

*You can count on her to be a friend,  
She's sure to be one till the end.*

Class Vice President 2; Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabiner 2; F.T.A. Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 1; Rendezvous Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play "Beauty and the Beef"; Scholarship Team 2.



**DEAN JOHNS**

*Someday a carpenter he will be,  
And as friendly a fellow you ever did see.*

D.C.T. Member 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 4.



JOANNE JOHNSON

"Jo"

*Friendly to all with manners sweet  
She's a girl you would like to meet.*

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Cheerleader 3, 4.



ALICE ANN JONES

"Al"

*Happy-go-lucky all through the day,  
She's bound to get by, if she stays  
this way.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 4; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Senior Class Play.



OLLEN JONES

"Jones"

*Ollen is a real good guy,  
To be a friend he'll always try.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; D.C.T. Member 3, 4; D.C.T. President 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3; Football 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

BEVERLY KEIPPER

"Bev"

*She's quiet in class and in the hall,  
But just the same she's a friend to all.  
One Act Play, "On the Carpet."*



MILO RICHARD KEITH

"Mike"

*He never has a foe,  
A friendly guy is Milo.*

D.C.T. Member 3, 4; D.C.T. Treasurer 4; Intramurals 1.



BEVERLY KESLER

"Bev"

*Bev is a gal who needs no reminder,  
Among many you will find no kinder.*

Y-Teens 1; G.A.A. Member 1; F.H.A. Member 1, 2; Usherette Member 1, 2, 3.



EVA KAY KESLER

"Heck"

*She is never full of grief,  
A good friend, is our belief.*

Y-Teens Member 1; G.A.A. Member 1; F.H.A. Member 2, 3; F.H.A. Cabinet 3; Usherette Member 1, 2; Usherette Cabinet 4; Chorus 1, 2.

TOM KIGGINS

*In class he never has much to say,  
But when he's with boys he's never  
that way.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Senior Invitations Committee.

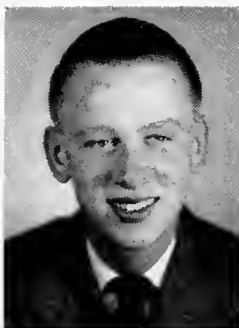


**KENNETH KNITTLE**

"Kenny"

*An artist he is studying to be,  
He'll succeed you wait and see.*

Hi-Y Member 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Basketball Manager 3; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beast"; One Act Plays; Student Librarian; Senior Class Play.



**TRAVIS KOUTS**

"Trav"

*Quite a lad, with the lasses,  
Flirting and smiling as he passes.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2; Hi-Y Cabinet 2; V-Club Member 3, 4; V-Club President 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. Cabinet 3; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Football Manager 1; Junior Prom Committee; Rendezvous Committee 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.



**BARBARA JEAN LALONDE** "Babs"

*Babs' our president of G.A.A.  
And in everything she's O.K.*

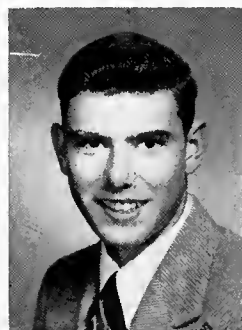
G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. President 4.

**ROBERT LIPPI**

"Bob"

*In the deck of looks, he holds  
four aces,  
His friendly smile will take him  
places.*

Chorus 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Vocal Varieties 3, 4; Soloist.



**RONALD HERBERT LOWE** "Ronnie"

*A football manager is this lad,  
At making friends he's not bad.*

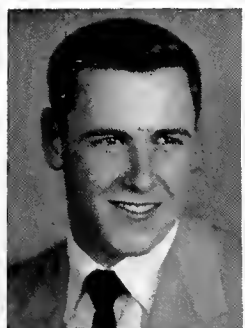
V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; Football Manager 3, 4; Baseball Manager 1, 2; Scholarship Team 1.



**SHARON MCCOLLUM**

*Sharon McCollum is quite a name,  
With her looks she'll win her fame.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 1; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Ring and Pin Committee; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.



**DANNY MCCONAHAY** "Mac"

*Here's a lad, he's quite tall,  
For old Van Wert he'd give his all.*

V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 2; Junior Prom Committee; Student Council 4; Intramurals 4.

**LARRY McDANIEL**

"Mopey"

*One of the best our school ever knew,  
We wish him luck his whole life  
through.*

Basketball 1.



**HELEN MARIE MACE**

**"Swinkle Eyes"**

*Small, fun, and full of pep,  
We all think she's pretty kep.*

Y-Teens Member 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3.



**DELORES MARTIN**

**"Dee"**

*She is a member of the band,  
We all think that she is grand.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test.



**JERRY MARTZ**

*Jerry is a friend to all,  
He never lets your spirits fall.*

**GRACE MEFFERD**

*Grace is learning to cook and sew,  
She is one good kid—we know.*

G.A.A. Member 3, 4; Chorus 1; Band 1.



**MARY MIHM**

*Perhaps a little shy,  
But a friend you can't deny.*



**CAROL JOAN MILLER**

**"Jo"**

*Carol is known to one and all,  
Her friends are many, her enemies small.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 3; A Cappella Choir 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays.



**GINGER MILLER**

**"Ging"**

*All of Ginger's dreams will come to reality,  
Because she's got plenty of personality.*

Y-Teens Member 3, 4; F.T.A. Member 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; D.A.R. Pilgrim contestant; One Act Plays; National Honor Society 4.

**MARCIA MILLER**

*Marcia's got looks and personality plus,  
She's a friend to all of us.*

Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 4.

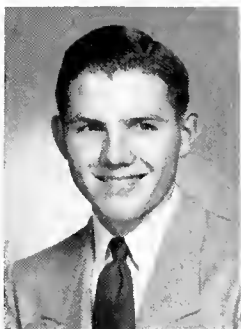




**STANLEY MILLER****"Stan"**

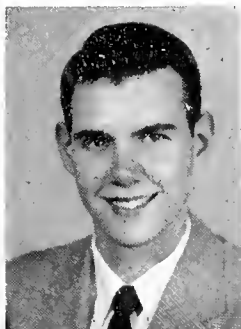
*A Friendly boy have we here,  
To all our hearts he's dear.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club Member 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2.

**KATHLEEN MOORE****"Leenie"**

*Very well liked by all the girls and boys,  
She's one of our pride and joys.*

Class Vice President 1, 3; Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens President 2; Cabinet 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Girls' State Alternate; National Honor Society 3, 4; D.A.R. Pilgrim Contestant; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; Senior Class Play.

**STEPHEN MOYER****"Steve"**

*Known to all for his sense of humor,  
On jokes he's a connoisseur.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Intramurals 2, 3; Class Play "Beauty and the Beef"; Junior Rotarian; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; Boys' Octette 2; Camera Club 2, 3; Dance Band 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 4; Senior Class Play.

**DANNY RAY MURPHY****"Murph"**

*A basketball player have we here,  
It's a blow to the team to lose him this year.*

Class President 3; Hi-Y Member 3, 4; V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; V-Club Vice-President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 3, 4; Junior Rotarian.

**KAY MURRAY**

*Here's a girl with plenty of class,  
In any situation she will pass.*

Class Officer, Treasurer 3; G.A.A. Member 1; Chorus 1.

**JUDITH ANN NASH****"Judy"**

*Judy really likes to sing,  
And that to her means everything.*

Y-Teens Member 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 2; F.T.A. Member 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. President 4; Usherette Member 1, 2; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays.

**ROGER POLING****"Maxie"**

*The cares of life don't trouble me,  
I'm just as happy as I can be.*

One Act Plays 4.

**JOY PRESTON**

*Friendly, cute, and full of fun,  
She is liked by everyone.*

Class Treasurer 4; Y-Teens Member 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 3; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; F.T.A. Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Editor-in-Chief; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; D.A.R. Pilgrim Contestant; Intramurals 1, 2; Commencement Invitations Committee; Vocal Varieties 2, 3, 4.





**PATRICIA PRITCHARD** "Pat"

*Pat is always meek and shy,  
But don't you worry, she'll get by.*

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3; F.H.A.  
Member 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. Cabinet 2, 3;  
Chorus 1.



**WELLS PURMORT** "Chirp"

*Friendly, jovial, so much fun,  
None will best him on a pun.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 4; Chorus 1; A  
Cappella Choir 4; Baseball Manager  
1; Junior Prom Committee; Senior  
Scholarship Test; One Act Plays;  
Senior Class Play.



**JOE RAABE** "Joe"

*He always smiles as if he were glad,  
We have yet to see him sad.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y  
Cabinet 1, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella  
Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre  
Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom  
Committee; Ring and Pin Committee;  
Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur  
Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the  
Beef"; Junior Rotarian; One Act  
Plays; Boys Jr. Octette 2; Orotorical  
Contest; Senior Class Play.

**SUE RAGER**

*Sue is a conscientious lass;  
This makes her the pride and joy  
of our class.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-  
Teens Cabinet 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cap-  
pella Choir 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 4;  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member  
3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Class  
Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; D.A.R.  
Pilgrim Contestant; Scholarship Team  
2; National Honor Society 4.



**CHARLES RICHEY** "Chuck"

*In everything Chuck does do his best,  
He stands out among all the rest.*

Hi-Y Member 3, 4; Hi-Y Secretary  
4; V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1;  
A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Football  
1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Baseball 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Com-  
mittee; Senior Scholarship Test; Ex-  
calibur Staff; Student Council 1, 2, 3;  
Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef";  
National Honor Society 3, 4; Junior  
Rotarian; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3;  
Boys' Octette 2; Senior Class Play.



**TATIANA ROUSE** "Boots"

*By her picture you can see,  
She's just as nice as she can be.  
Senior Scholarship Test.*



**STANLEY SCOTT** "Scotty"

*We think Stan is one good kid,  
Of him we never want to be rid.*

V-Club Member 3, 4; Football 2;  
Basketball 2; Baseball 3, 4; Intra-  
mural 4.

**JANET SHAFFER** "Jan"

*Charmingly different, exceedingly gay,  
Girls like Janet aren't found every day.*



JOAN SHAW

"Jo"

*A nice girl with a winning way,  
Some girl—we all say.*

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; F.H.A. Member 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. Cabinet 2, 3; Chorus 1; Junior Prom Committee.



JOAN SHOOK

"Jo"

*A sweet disposition has this gal,  
To one and all she's a real pal.*

Y-Teens Member 1; G.A.A. Member 1; Chorus 1; Band 1, 2; Rendezvous Committee 1.



ROBERT SHUPE

"Shupie"

*A friend to all is this jolly lad,  
He's always bappy—never sad.*

Hi-Y Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4.

ROXANNA SMITLEY

*Here's a girl of worthwhile sort,  
She really rates as a good sport.*

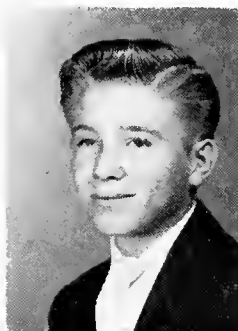
Y-Teens 1, 4; G.A.A. Member 1; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Scholarship Team 1.



SHIRLEY SPEAKMAN

*Shirley is quiet and nice as can be,  
There's not a girl in our class as sweet  
as she.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Junior Prom Committee; Homecoming Attendant 4; Student Council 4.



BEN SPEARMAN

"The Kid"

*Benny's a guy who's full of the old  
nick,  
He's always up to some old trick.*

Band 2, 3; Dance Band 2; Class Play 3.



BEN SPIETH

"Speedy"

*Ben is always up to par,  
With his talent he'll go far.*

Class President 1; Hi-Y Member 1, 2; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Lyre Club Member 3; Junior Prom Committee; Scarlet Quill Staff; Student Council 1, 2, 3; One Act Plays.

MIKE SPRAY

"Sketch"

*Instead of getting lessons when he  
should,  
He had his fun—all he could.*



**PHIL TANNER**

**"Tuff"**

*Here is a boy known by all,  
He made his name in football.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club Member 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Senior Scholarship Test; Student Council 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.



**SHIRLEY TOMLINSON**

*Whenever Shirley's work is done,  
She's out looking for fun.*

Y-Teens Member 1; Chorus 3; One Act Plays 3.



**CAROL UNTERBRINK**

**"Coy"**

*Carol is carefree and gay,  
We think she is swell that way.*

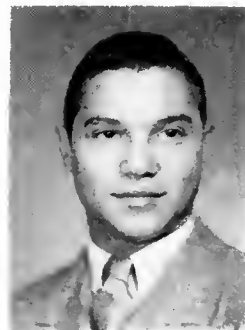
G.A.A. Member 1, 2; Class Motto, Flower, and Color Committee.

**BILL WALDRON**

**"Willie"**

*Happy-go-lucky all through the day,  
He's bound to get by if he stays this way.*

F.T.A. Member 1; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 1, 4; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.



**JACK WALDRON**

**"Big Jack"**

*Jack is a fellow who needs no  
reminder,  
Among many you will find none  
kinder.*

Football 3; Senior Scholarship Test; Student Council 3; Boys' State Alternate.



**MARGARET JOAN WELLS**

**"Jo"**

*Quick wit, poise, charming manner  
are combined,  
To make her the nicest girl you'll find.*

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Vice-President 2, Treasurer 3, President 4; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; F.T.A. Member 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 2; National Honor Society 4; Senior Class Play.



**MARTHA JANE WERMER**

**"Twin"**

*It's hard to tell these twins apart,  
But both of them have a place in our  
heart.*

Y-Teens Member 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3.

**MARY WERMER**

**"Twin"**

*Martha and Mary are quite a pair,  
When they're together there's fun to  
spare.*

Y-Teens Member 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 4.



**SALLY WORTHINGTON** "Nick"

*Put a paint brush in her hand,  
She'll make a portrait of the land.*

Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3,  
4; Junior Prom Committee; Student  
Council 3.



**JAMES YAHN** "Sketch"

*This fellow can really tell a pun,  
With him we all have loads of fun.*

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus  
1; A Cappella Choir 2; Band 1, 2, 3,  
4; Lyre Club Member 3, 4; Junior  
Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship  
Test; Class Play, "Beauty and the  
Beef"; One Act Plays; Vocal Varie-  
ties 2.



**MARGARET E. YOUNG** "Margie"

*You can count on her to be a friend.  
She's sure to be a good one until the  
end.*

F.H.A. Member 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1.



**SHIRLEY ZINSMEISTER** "Ziny"

*Shirley is sweet and very petite,  
You'll admit she can't be beat.*

Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3,  
4; Girls' Sextette 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3,  
4; Junior Prom Committee; Class  
Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One  
Act Plays; Class Motto, Flower, and  
Color Committee.



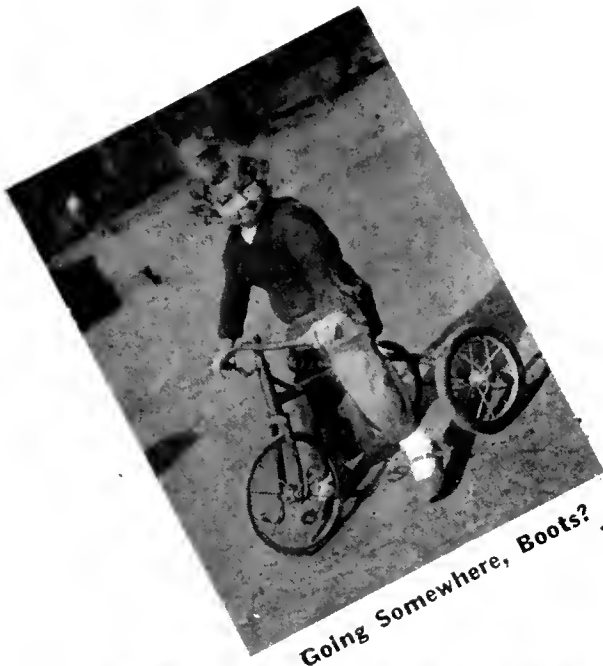
**Cheese Cake**



**Ah, Youth!**



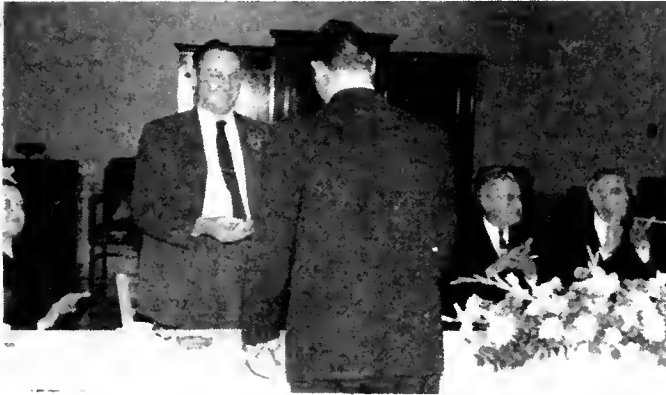
**Sleepy (?) time, gals**



Going Somewhere, Boots?



One plus Two Equals Four??



Yea, Phil!



King and Queen of Hearts!

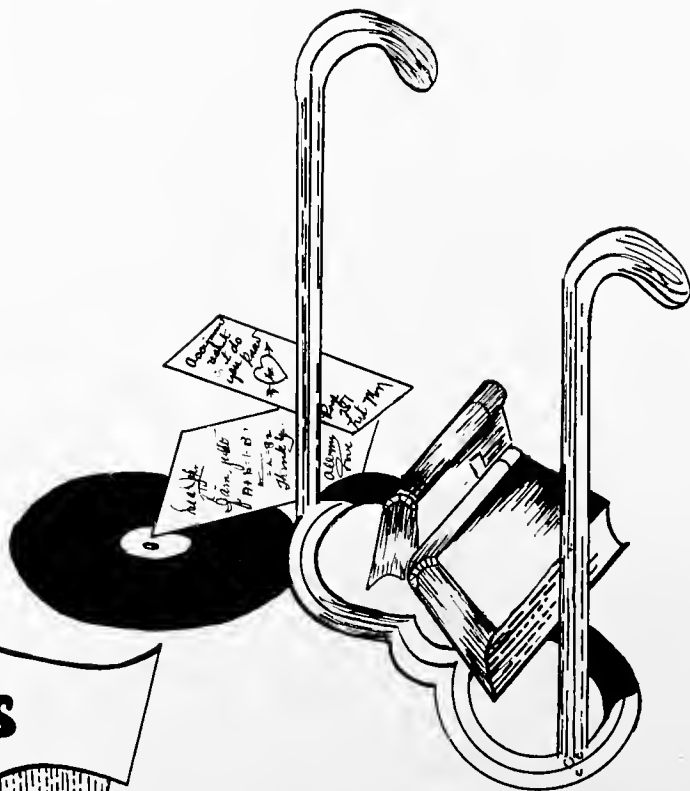


Crazy Little Mixed-up Man!



Here Goes My Coke Money!

# Juniors





## JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

Open those heavenly portals and allow us lowly-under-upper classmen to pass through the gates into the heavenly realm of upper-upper classmen as Seniors!

We began our lowly reign by choosing Ronny Bagley for President, Don Tomlinson for Vice-President, Nancy Waymire for Secretary and Nancy Harruff for Treasurer.

The year's activities began with football. Representing us on the Cougar squad were: Ronny Bagley, Jim Jordan, Howard Fellers, Bob Keith, Danny Gorman, Ron Dilbone, Jerry Busch, Jim Mager, and Larry Butler. At the halftime you could see our strutting drum major, Janice Brown, going down the field at the head of the band. Cheering our boys on to victory, you could hear the voice of Carol Eggerss ring out from among the varsity cheerleaders. To take part in the Homecoming festivities, Danna Rider was chosen as the Queen's attendant from the Junior Class.

To help govern the school, our representatives

for Student Council were Ronny Bagley, Jerry Busch, Carol Eggerss, Marilyn Weck, Howard Fellers, Harry Kouts, and John Alvarado.

Next came the basketball season with Ronny Bagley, Jim Jordan, Bob Keith, Jerry Busch, and Ron Dilbone representing our class on the squads. Nancy Harruff, Barbara Smith, and Nancy Waymire cheering them on from the Reserve cheerleading squad.

As our Junior Class Play, we presented "Wish on the Moon! In the cast, we had Nancy Dustman, Nancy Harruff, Carol Eggeress, Iona Brenneman, Linda White, Gary Stoller, Danny Gorman, Bob Keith, and Marilyn Spridgeon.

Our representative to Girls State for this year was Marilyn Spridgeon and our alternate Janice Brown.

The members on the National Honor Society are Nancy Waymire, Bob Keith, Janice Brown, Gary Stoller, Bob Mager, and Mary Bell.

—Written by Nancy Waymire.



Starley Agler  
Hugh Akerman  
John Alvarado  
David Ashbaugh



Ronald August  
Ronny Bagley  
Francis Balliet  
Dianne Bartlett



Nancy Beams  
Margaret Bell  
Mary Bell  
Jack Blackmore

Dorothy Block  
Donn Borden  
David Boroff  
Iona Brenneman

Janice Brown  
Jerry Busch  
Peggy Butler  
Rose Campbell



Donna Copeland  
Shirley Corathers  
Janet Cowgill  
Emily Crow



Marcia Denig  
Ronnie Dilbone  
Eloise Doner  
Don Dunifon



Martha Dunno  
Nancy Dustman  
Sandra Dysert  
Phil Edsall



Carol Eggerss  
 Carol Evans  
 Howard Fellers  
 Carl Font

Julia Ford  
 Bill Galloway  
 Jackie Geisman  
 Marcia Geisman

Alice Germann  
 Karl Gingrich  
 Dan Gorman  
 Ed Grunden



Duane Hainline  
 Nancy Harruff  
 Sandra Harting  
 Carol Hilton

Marilyn Hines  
 Jean Hipsley  
 Don Hire  
 Marcia Ireton

Bill Johns  
 Jim Jordan  
 Peggy Kear  
 Bob Keith

Barbara Kesler  
 Bill Kreischer  
 Lawrence Krick  
 Raymond LaLonde

Richard LaLonde  
 Denny Linser  
 Joyce McCammon  
 Jim Mager





Leah May  
John Merkle  
Barbara Miller  
Bob Mills



Harold Mohr  
Ann Mottinger  
Berthajane Myers  
Louella Phillips



Bill Pontius  
Esther Price  
Jay Prichard  
Esther Prishey

Jay Reed  
Shirley Renner  
Don Rhodenbaugh  
Danna Rider

Shirley Riley  
Bob Schaffner  
Margaret Schwarck  
Bob Sherman



Gerald Slane  
Barbara Smith  
Linda Spitler  
Marilyn Spridgeon

Dale Steele  
Gary Stoller  
Ruby Taylor  
Colleen Thatcher

Don Tomlinson  
Anne Turner  
Jack Uncapher  
Ralph Unterbrink



Peg Waldron  
 Nancy Waymire  
 Marilyn Weck  
 Joan Welker



Bob Wertz  
 Linda White  
 Gene Wilson  
 Gene Witherow



**Boots and Inez in China**



**Carmen**



**And they're off!**



**Go, Stan**



**Shop Workers**



**Let's Dance**



**And They're Off!!**



**Yea, Murph!**



**Sweet and Lovely**





## SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

Well, here we are again. One day, frightened freshmen; the next, confident sophomores. One rung higher on the ladder of education.

After renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, we elected class officers as follows: Jim Jones, President; Tom Giessler, Vice-President; Peg Wable, Secretary; and Delores Burke, Treasurer.

Linda Kirchenbauer was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Council with five other sophomores serving on the Council.

Wearing the Scarlet and Gray on the gridiron were Bob Young, Jess Cooper, Jim Gilliland, Art Good, Walt Grunden, Harold Height, Tom Harden, Jim Jones, Marvin Mihm, Bob Mager, Ronnie Miller, and Jim Dilbone.

On the Varsity Cheerleading Squad the class of '56 was represented by Sue Farlow and Linda Bagley. On the reserve squad were Elaine Mericle and Marcia Putman. Sue Williman was voted our Homecoming Attendant.

In F. H. A. we were represented by Dixie Butler, Historian.

In Jr. Y-Teens we had Sue Williman, President; Sue Farlow, Vice-President; Margaret Jerome, Secretary; and Peg Wable, Treasurer. Others on the cabinet were Anita Tanner, Lynne Eikenberry, Linda Longwell, Linda Bagley, Elaine Mericle, and Linda Kirchenbauer.

On the G. A. A. cabinet were Mary Brooks, Betty Halliwell, Virginia Miller, and Elaine Mericle.

The class was represented on the basketball court by Bob Young, Bill Emrick, Tom Harden, Sam Haller, Marvin Mihm, Larry Winhover, Jim Dilbone, and Devon Bricker.

There were thirty-one of the class in the A capella Choir, and twenty-one in the Band.

Looking ahead, we hope the coming two years will be as enjoyable as the past two.

—Jerry Gribler.

Marcia Agler  
 Jerry Baer  
 Linda Bagley  
 Janet Beck

Jim Benfield  
 Beverly Blake  
 Shirley Bohner  
 Pat Boroff

Devon Bricker  
 Mary Brooks  
 Harold Brown  
 Rita Brown



Margie Buecker  
 Delores Burk  
 Gary Cobb  
 Jesse Cooper

Beverly Cox  
 Mike DeMoss  
 Beverly Dempsey  
 Dennis Dersham



Jim Dilbone  
 Shirley Dustman  
 Lynne Eikenberry  
 Bill Emrick

Bob Exline  
 Sue Farlow  
 Arnell Fast  
 Bill Feasby

Delores Fisher  
 Jim Folck  
 Jim Fowler  
 Janet Gallaspie







Terry Gamble  
Jim Geisman  
Tom Giessler  
Bill Gilland

Frank Gilland  
Barbara Gilliland  
Jim Gilliland  
Janice Ginzel

Art Good  
Jerry Gribler  
Phyllis Gribler  
Ramona Grimes

Max Grimm  
Jackie Grubb  
Walter Grunden  
Harold Haight

Sheila Hallam  
Sam Haller  
Betty Halliwill  
DeWayne Hammons



Tom Harden  
Charles Heath  
Hilda Heath  
Bob Holmes



Dorita Hook  
Larry Houston  
Phil Jarvis  
Margaret Jerome

Rosalee Jetmore  
Larry Johns  
Jim Jones  
Karen Katterheinrich



Bill Kesler  
Linda Kirchenbauer  
Paul Kouts  
Vernon Laing

Bill Lane  
Jim Lane  
Phyllis Lane  
Lynnda Leary

Larry Ley  
Larry Lehman  
Jim Leonard  
Linda Longwell



Bill McGranahan  
Lloyd McMichael  
Bob Mager  
Sheila Malinowski

Mary Marquis  
Dick Mason  
Richard Mazock  
Don Mengerink



Elaine Mericle  
Tom Metzger  
Marlene Mihm  
Marvin Mihm

Larry Miller  
Ronnie Miller  
Virginia Miller  
Mary Mohler

Rachel Morris  
Jim O'Mara  
Charles Parsons  
Max Prichard





Curtis Proffitt  
Marcia Putman  
Pat Rodman  
Phyllis Roesner



Binalee Runser  
Ned Runyon  
Dale Saam  
Paul Sargent



Gloria Schoonover  
Kenny Seibert  
Helen Shaw  
Dick Shock

Kenny Sites  
Alice Smith  
Yvonne Sterrett  
Anita Tanner

Wilma Taylor  
Ray Tinnel  
Peg Wable  
Mary Wells



Joyce Williams  
Ronnie Williams  
Pat Williamson  
Sue Williman



Larry Wills  
Larry Winhover  
Jim Wiseman  
Bob Witherow



Sam Worthington  
Ray Yahn  
Bob Young  
Judy Zinsmeister



**Don't Throw That, Joy!**



**Howdy, Huff!**



**Goin' Fishing, Fellows?**



**Hey, You!**



**Let's Win!**



**Dr. Slutz**



**Freshmen**





## FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

Underneath our boisterous shouting last fall, most of the 149 of us were probably a little bit frightened of all the changes that were to come. But we bravely stumbled our way through the first week and found that, as the saying goes, "Its bark is worse than its bite."

When the ballots were counted after our campaigns for offices, we had elected Ronnie Dierks, our president, Miriam Price, vice-president, Sally Coombs, secretary, and Diane Roth, treasurer. To represent our class on the Student Council, we chose Jerry Baer, who later transferred to another school, Larry Smith, John Saylor, and Nan Cowan.

Janice Prior was our representative on the G.A.A. Cabinet.

Carrying the pigskin through a successful season, the members of the Freshman Football team were: David Allen, Ronnie Brennaman, Ronnie

Dierks, Don Ford, Dave Gamble, Don Good, Ron Krick, Larry Kriescher, Mike Pheneger, Jim Pressler, Ron Robeson, John Saylor, Paul Schwinnen, Larry Smith, Orville Sterler, Meredith Wade, and Bill Winters. Two from our class, John Edwards and Larry Feeney, played on the varsity football squad.

We chose Nan Cowan to be Freshman Attendant during Homecoming Festivities.

Ronnie Dierks, Dave Gamble, Don Good, Ron Krick, Tom Nott, Paul Schwinnen, Jim Smith, Larry Smith, and Ronny Spray played on the Freshman Basketball team. They won 11 out of 16 games.

With this year behind us, we are leaving our place as "Greenies" to go on to new and better experiences. We're looking forward, with high hearts, to the rest of our high school years.



James Agler  
Joe Agler  
Larry Agler  
David Allen



Joe Allen  
Jim Anderson  
Mauvette August  
Lillie Baker



Judith Beall  
Jean Bennett  
Barbara Blanke  
Frank Boroff

Ronnie Brenneman  
Bill Bressler  
Frank Brown  
Peg Brown

Dick Caldwell  
Judy Coffelt  
Judy Conn  
Sally Coombs



Nan Cowan  
Eddie DeCamp  
Richard DeCamp  
Terry DeVine



Ronnie Dierks  
Barbara Ditto  
Joyce Donahue  
John Downs



Pat Dull  
John Edwards  
Donald Elzey  
Janet Fauble

Ann Feeney  
Larry Feeney  
Donald Ford  
Bill Fowler

David Gamble  
Douglas Geary  
Marie Geisman  
Mary Lou Germann

Martha Gingrich  
Jim Goins  
Don Good  
Neil Good



George Green  
Carol Grindahl  
Earl Hainline  
Luella Hainline

Judy Harden  
Dianne Hardin  
Carolyn Hartge  
Laura Hilton



Carolyn Hines  
Barbara Hirn  
Ella Hofmann  
Jacqueline Hoghe

Pat Holtschult  
Janice Hoover  
Glenn Hudson  
Dick Hummer

Jane Johnson  
Jean Johnson  
Lloyd Keltner  
Don Klinger







Robert Klinger  
Larry Kreischer  
Ronnie Krick  
Sandra Lake

Marie Lewis  
Arland Lintermoot  
Ervan Lintermoot  
Rita Lippi

Barbara McDonald  
Alice McMichael  
Janet McNeal  
Sandra Makuh

Roger Martin  
Donald May  
Barbara Merkle  
Betty Miller

Jerry Miracle  
Janeen Moeller  
Janet Morris  
David Myers



Jane Myers  
Donna Nighswander  
Don Nighswander  
Tom Nott

Arla Oechsle  
Rita Osenbaugh  
Clara Parsons  
Dale Perry

Michael Pheneger  
Linda Poling  
Jim Presler  
Miriam Price





Donna Prichard  
Janice Prior  
Lester Raker  
Sue Ralston

Sandra Ramsey  
Joyce Rawlings  
Carolyn Rhodenbaugh  
Ronnie Robeson

Diane Roth  
Jan Runnion  
John Saylor  
Andrea Scarpelli



Don Schnepf  
Paul Schwinnen  
Caroline Scott  
Margaret Scott

Larry Sidle  
Sandra Sites  
Jim Smith  
Larry Smith

Stanley Smith  
Brenda Smitley  
Karen Sowers  
Justus Speelman

Ronny Spray  
Joan Sterrett  
Doyle Stetler  
Orville Stetler

David Stittsworth  
Elmer Stuckey  
Louis Thomas  
Shirley Tickle

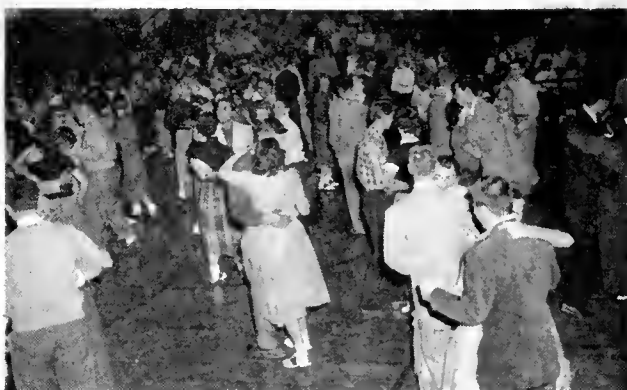




Norma Tinker  
Dorothy Vetter  
Meredith Wade  
James Wagonrod  
Dolores Weck

Dorothy Weck  
James West  
Mary Weyer  
LaRita Whitcraft  
Sandra Willett

Carol Wilmore  
Bill Winters  
Sandra Wise  
John Wisener  
Roger Youtsey



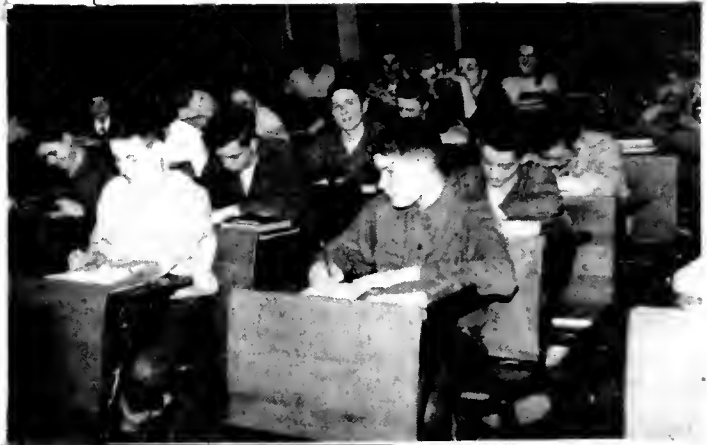
**The Queen's Ball**



**Working?**



**Hank's Boys**









## HOMECOMING

Kay Brown was crowned 1953 Homecoming Queen at the half-time of the Bellefontaine football game on October 16. Queen Kay was crowned by last year's queen, Joyce Williman.

Kay's attendants were Shirley Speakman, senior; Danna Rider, junior; Sue Williman, sophomore; and Nan Cowan, freshman. The queen and her attendants were attired in formals.

Preceding the game, the Excalibur Staff sponsored a barbecue in third ward park. The barbecue concluded with a large pep rally. 'Mums and Homecoming balloons were sold at the gate.

Following the game, a dance was held in Lincoln gym in honor of the Queen and her court. Music was furnished by Don Underwood and his orchestra. John Blake acted as master of ceremonies and Karen Brockert and the Girls' Sextette provided the entertainment. The four class presidents presented gifts to the queen and her attendants.







# STUDENT COUNCIL



ROW ONE: Dave Hertel, Danny Murphy, Bill Dias, Tom Hardin, Howard Fellers, John Alvarado, Ronny Bagley. ROW TWO: Jerry Busch, Vern Laing, Dan McConahay, Larry Smith, Ronnie Dierks, Jim Jones, Phil Tanner, Harry Kouts. ROW THREE: Mr. Baker, Nan Cowan, Sue Williman, Linda Kirchenbaur, Carol Doner, Carolyn Bradford, Carol Eggerss, Lynne Eikenberry, Shirley Speakman, Marilyn Weck, Elaine Fast.

The Student Council, under the able leadership of Phil Tanner, president; Howard Fellers, vice-president; and Linda Kirchenbaur, secretary-treasurer, accomplished many worthwhile projects this year. They were guided by Mr. Ralph Gallapoo and Mr. Robert Baker, advisers.

Among their accomplishments were the sale of charm bracelets, a Student Council Talent Show, Dad's Night for the football players, Parents' Night for the basketball team, and the "Turkey Wobble" Thanksgiving Dance.

They sent representatives to four area schools: Celina, Defiance, Lima South, and St. Marys. Two representatives were also sent to the National Student Council Conference at Toledo.



CABINET

Phil Tanner  
Linda Kirchenbaur  
Howard Fellers



MR. GALLAPOO



# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Nancy Waymire, Ann Helman, Kay Brown, Mrs. White, Kathleen Moore, Chuck Richey, Joan Wells. SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jim Mager, Ginger Miller, Sue Rager, Steve Moyer, Mary Bell, Gary Stoller, Marcia Miller, Bob Keith, Janice Brown, Karen Brockert, Reha Elston.

In 1930, Van Wert High School received its charter for the National Honor Society. This year Mrs. White acted as the advisor with Miss Lown as assistant.

The emblem of the National Honor Society is the flaming torch on a keystone. The torch represents knowledge and the keystone, stability. On this emblem are the letters C S L S, standing for Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. Blue and gold are the colors and Noblesse Oblige (Nobility has obligations) the motto.

There are now thirty-nine names on the roster since the granting of the charter. Thirteen of those were inducted this year in a very impressive ceremony. These were Karen Brockert, Reha Elston, Ginger Miller, Marcia Miller, Steve Moyer, Sue Rager, and Joan Wells, seniors; Mary Bell, Janice Brown, Bob Keith, Jim Mager, Gary Stoller, and Nancy Waymire, juniors.

The officers were Chuck Richey, President; Kathleen Moore, Vice President; Kay Brown, Secretary; and Ann Helman, Treasurer. These were also the remaining members of last year's group.



CABINET

Ann Helman  
Kay Brown  
Chuck Richey  
Kathleen Moore



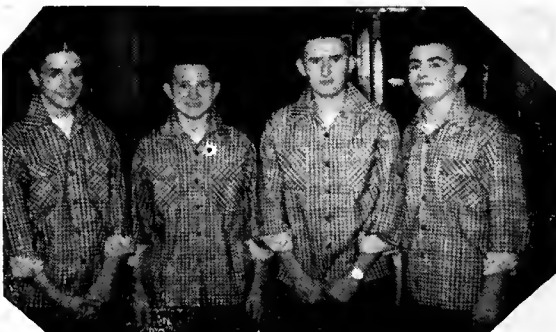
MRS. DONALD WHITE, Advisor



The a cappella choir is a very active organization at Van Wert High School. They gave numerous performances during the school year. Their first concert was for the Woman's Club at the St. Marks Lutheran Church on December 16, after which, the holiday season kept the group busy contributing their repertoire of Christmas numbers to the citizens of Van Wert.

Following the Christmas season the choir prepared and presented the "Vocal Varieties" on February 9, 10, and 11.

On March 20, several members of the organization entered the District Class A-2 solo and ensemble contest at Lima, Ohio. The a cappella choir entered the District Class A-2 choir contest at Bluffton, April 3. April 4, they presented an Easter Concert at the Methodist Church. The choir certainly deserves a hand, they did a grand job this year.



# "VOCAL VARIETIES"

## IRELAND

Clancy Lowered the Boom  
A Little Bit of Heaven  
Did Your Mother Come From Ireland  
Mother Machree  
Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ra

## SPAIN

"Toreador Song (from Carmen)"  
Spanish Serenata  
Habanera (from "Carmen")

## SOUTH SEA ISLAND

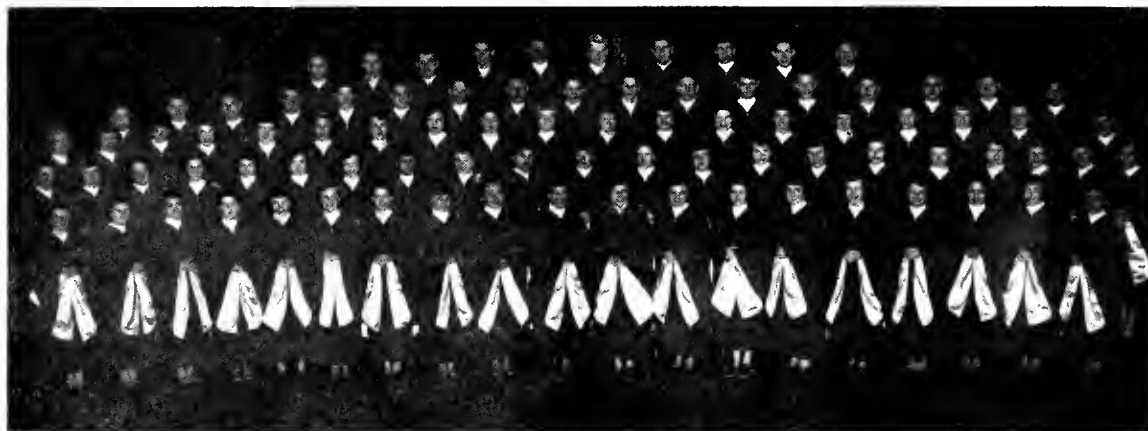
Sweet Leilani  
Bali Ha'i  
Tribal Dance  
Hawaiian War Chant  
Aloha Oe

## AMERICA

This is My Country  
Your Land and My Land  
Why Do I Love You  
Can't Help Lovin' That Man  
Old Man River  
My God and I

Accompanist-Marianne Edwards

Scenery-Art Class



ROW ONE: Rachel Morris, Nancy Waymire, Sue Williman, Nancy Dustman, Mary Jerome, Lynnda Leary, Shirley Dustman, Margaret Jerome, Judith Nash, Linda Bagley, Loretta Huffine, Shirley Zinsmeister, Joy Preston, Sharon McCollum, Marcia Ireton, Evangeline Barrientos, Shirley Riley, Kay Brown, Nancy Beams. ROW TWO: Diane Bartlett, Beverly Blake, Anita Tanner, Peggy Kear, Linda Spitler, Eloise Doner, Lynn Eikenberry, Sally Worthington, Carol Doner, Sue Rager, Sandra Dysert, Carol Miller, Martha Dunno, Delores Martin, Marianne Edwards, Marcia Denig, Mary Brooks, Marilyn Weck, Carol Evans, Emily Crow, Jackie Geisman. ROW THREE: Carol Eggerss, Jane Good, Sandra Harting, Kathleen Moore, Shiela Hallam, Linda White, Martha Brown, Karen Brockert, Carol Hilton, Elaine Fast, Iona Brenneman, Peggy Wable, Joyce McCammon, Janice Brown, Joan Wells, Marilyn Spridgeon, Karen Katterheinrich, Esther Price, Linda Kirchenbauer. ROW FOUR: Karl Gingrich, Terry Gamble, John Alvarado, Travis Kouts, Larry Lehman, Vern Laing, Larry Ley, Gail Burget, Fred Giessler, Gary Stoller, Don Borden, Bill Kesler, Kenny Knittle, John Merkle, Phil Jarvis, Jerry Gribler, Bill Waldron. ROW FIVE: Gene With-erow, Jay Prichard, Gerry Dierks, Gary Cobb, Charles Richey, Ned Runyon, Robert Shupe, Jim Jones, John Blake, Joe Raabe.

The Senior Sextette, members of the a cappella choir, sang for numerous organizations throughout the year. They are, left to right: Nancy Dustman, Janice Brown, Kathleen Moore, Linda White, Marilyn Spridgeon, and Esther Price.





LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Carol Grindahl, Beverly Case, Esther Prishey, Jackie Hogue, Jan Runnion, Caroline Scott, and Barbara McDonald. ROW TWO: Inez Jenkins, Anita Tanner, Jim Yahn, and Sandra Dysert.



LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Dennis Dirsham, Yvonne Copeland, Nan Cowan, Delores Martin, and Beverly Blake. ROW TWO: John Saylor, Vern Laing, Jay Pritchard, Bill Gilland, Jerry Gribler, Karl Gingrich, Stan Miller, Don Rodenbaugh.



LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Kathleen Moore, Karen Katterheinrich, Joy Preston. ROW TWO: Bob Exline, Joe Allen, Jim Leonard, Fred Giessler, and DeVon Bricker.



LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Mary Jerome, LaRita Whitcraft, Rita Brown, Shirley Dustman, Miriam Price, Sue Rager, Peg Wable, Larry Lehman, Larry Ley, Roger Martin, and Joyce Donahue. ROW TWO: Martha Gingrich, Sandra Ramsey, Dick Shock, Pat Boroff, Par Dull, Don Schnepf, Joe Raabe, Steve Moyer.





LEFT TO RIGHT: Janice Brown, Sally Coombs, Reha Elston, Loretta Huffine, Lynnda Leary, and Sue Williman.



LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Rachel Morris, Linda Kirchenbauer, Sheila Hallam, Judy Harden, Karen Sowers, Barbara Hirn, Caroline Rhodenbaugh. ROW TWO: Shirley Zinsmeister, Kay Brown, Jean Bennett, Marianne Edwards, Marcia Miller, Eloise Doner, Sandy Willet, Sharon McCollum, and Richard Caldwell. ROW THREE: Martha Dunno, Joan Sterrett, Janet Morris, Elaine Fast, Douglas Geary, Gary Cobb, Don Borden, Stan Smith, Bill Gingrich, and Carol Miller.





LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Loretta Huffine, Reha Elston, Janice Brown, Sue Williman, Sally Coombs, and Lynnda Leary. ROW TWO: Marianne Edwards, Kay Brown, Shirley Zinsmaster, Caroline Rodenbaugh, Karen Sowers, Barbara Hirn, Jean Bennett, Sandy Willet, Kathleen Moore, Joy Preston, Dennis Bersham, Yvonne Copeland, Dolores Martin, Beverly Blake, Nan Cowan, Mary Jerome, Rita Brown, Shirley Dustman, Larita Whitcraft, and Miriam Price. ROW THREE: John Saylor, Sharon McCollum, Judy Harden, Linda Kirchenbauer, Marcia Miller, Don Rhodenbaugh, Vern Laing, Karen Katterheinrich, Fred Giessler, Jim Leonard, Bob Exline, Joe Allen, Roger Martin, Joyce Donahugh, Sue Rager, Peggy Wable, Larry Lehman, Larry Lay. ROW FOUR: Anita Tanner, Richard Caldwell, Marianne Edwards, Joan Sterrett, Sheila Halem, Stan Miller, Don Borden, Stan Smith, Douglas Geary, Jim Yahn, Inez Jenkins, Bev Case, Esther Price, Sandy Dysert, Jackie Hoghe, Caroline Scott, Jan Runnion, Carol Grindhal, Barbara McDonald, and Martha Gingrich. ROW FIVE: Martha Dunno, Eloise Doner, Carol Miller, Janet Morris, Bill Gingrich, Elaine Fast, Gary Cobb, Jay Pritchard, Bill Gilliland, Jerry Gribler, Karl Gingrich, Sandra Ramsey, Dick Shock, Pat Boroff, Pat Dull, Don Snapp, Joe Raabe, and Steve Moyer.

As the band marched snappily out onto the football field, it was greeted by a rousing cheer and the clapping of many hands to welcome it once again to a brand new season. With Mr. Herbert Jones as director, and Miss Janice Brown as drum-major, the band attended all the football games here and out of town, with the exception of Kenton.

Following the football season, the band swung into the usual Christmas numbers. After passing through the holidays with flying colors, the band began preparing for the contest at Bluffton College on April 3, the Band Festival at Lima, Ohio, on May 7, and the annual band concert April 27 and 28.

This year is the first full year with Mr. Jones as our band director. We, the members of the Van Wert High School Band, wish to express our thanks to Mr. Jones for his readiness and unfailing service to the band.

# SENIOR Y-TEENS



LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Carol Hilton, Barbara Miller, Eloise Doner, Shirley Riley, Kay Brown, Loretta Huffine, Nancy Dustman, Marcia Geisman, Peggy Waldron, Joan Welker, Marcia Ireton, Kathleen Moore, Karen Brockert, Joan Wells. ROW TWO: Jean Hipsley, Marilyn Spridgeon, Shirley Speakman, Elaine Blair, Marcia Denig, Carol Miller, Sharon McCollum, Martha Wermer, Mary Bell, Janet Cowgill, Mary Wermer, Dorothy Block, Judy Nash, Mary Jerome, Roxanna Smitley, Bev Case, Reha Elston, Joy Preston, Jane Good. ROW THREE: Kay Halliwell, Elaine Fast, Barbara Miller, Sandra Dysert, Nancy Harruff, Martha Dunno, Linda Spittler, Carol Doner, Ann Helman, Anne Turner, Kay Bagley, Nancy Waymire, Sue Rager, Delores Martin. ROW FOUR: Carol Eggerss, Donna Copeland, Dianne Bartlett, Joyce McCammon, Marilyn Weck, Alice Jones, Alice Bell. ROW FIVE: Esther Priskey, Barbara Kesler, Martha Brown, Sandra Harting, Iona Brenneman, Linda White, Esther Price, Yvonne Copeland, Ginger Miller, Marianne Edwards.

Senior Y-Teens, an organization open to all Junior and Senior girls, has been very active during the school year. The purpose of the Y-Teens is "to build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians. In this endeavor we seek to understand Jesus, to share his love for all people, and to grow in the knowledge and love of God."

Each year the Y-Teens sends a delegate to the Ohio Y-Teen Conference. Last summer the conference was held at Ohio Wesleyan University and Joan Wells attended. Marilyn Spridgeon was the delegate to the Y-Teen camp held at Westerville, Ohio.

Programs throughout the year included an impressive induction ceremony with the mothers in attendance, a Christmas induction ceremony with the mothers in attendance, a Christmas party with the Junior Y-Teens, a joint meeting with the Senior Hi-Y, a talk by Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer on her experiences as a Wave, and a style show.

Singing Christmas carols at the Castle Convalescent Home, putting on the Easter Assembly for the high school, and decorating tables for the county Y-Teen Banquet were but a few of the many service projects.

The Junior and Senior Y-Teens sponsored a Valentine Dance on February 12 for the high school and on April 30 took part in the County Y-Teen Dance.

Officers for the 1953-54 school year were Joan Wells, President; Marcia Denig, Vice President; Delores Martin, Secretary; and Mary Bell, Treasurer.

Serving on the cabinet were the following committee chairmen and co-chairmen: Kathleen Moore and Sandra Harting, Program; Marilyn Spridgeon and Sandra Dysert, Service; Reha Elston and Shirley Riley, Social; Carol Doner and Sue Rager, Finance; Joyce McCammon and Carol Hilton, Publicity; Elaine Fast and Esther Price, Devotions; Nancy Dustman and Iona Brenneman, Music; and Marilyn Weck, Pianist.

The faculty advisor was Miss Martha Lown.



CABINET

LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Marilyn Weck, Carol Hilton, Mary Bell, Marcie Denig, Joan Wells, Joyce McCammon, Nancy Dustman. ROW TWO: Sandra Harting, Shirley Riley, Sandra Dysert, Iona Brenneman, Marilyn Spridgeon, Elaine Fast, Esther Price, Delores Martin, Sue Rager, Reha Elston, Carol Doner, Kathleen Moore.



MISS LOWN, Adviser



# SENIOR HI-Y



ROW ONE: Gerry Dierks, Roger Agler, Phil Tanner, Jerry Busch, Danny Murphy. ROW TWO: Fred Giessler, Kenny Knittle, Jim Bowersock, Bill Gipe, Dick Giessler, Dave Hertel, Gary Stoller, Ollen Jones. ROW THREE: Jan Farlow, Gene Witherow, Roger Hartge, Don Borden, Jim Yahn, Steve Moyer, Gail Burget. ROW FOUR: Lewis Dustman, Tom Kiggins, Bob Keith, Ronald August, Stan Miller, Chuck Richey, Ronny Bagley, Wells Purmort, Bob Mills, John Blake, Bob Shupe, Joe Raabe.

"To create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, school, and community high standards of Christian character."

This is the purpose of the Senior Hi-Y Club of Van Wert High School.

This year's club was a large and active group of thirty-three. During the year the members handled the Thanksgiving service for the high school and sold pop for the football and basketball games. The club also sponsored a basketball team, the Green Beetles, in the YMCA High School League. The meetings were held alternately at the high school and the YMCA on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

John Blake was a very capable President, being assisted by Richard Giessler, Vice President; Chuck Richey, Secretary; Bill Gipe, Treasurer; Joe Raabe, Chaplain; and Gail Burget, Sergeant-at-Arms. The advisor was Mr. Gerald Manken.



CABINET

ROW ONE:  
Dick Giessler,  
Joe Raabe,  
Bill Gipe.  
ROW TWO:  
John Blake,  
Chuck Richey,  
Gail Burget.



MR. GERALD MANKEN

# JUNIOR Y-TEENS



LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Linda Kirchenbauer, Linda Longwell, Elaine Mericle, Anita Tanner, Peg Wable, Sue Farlow, Sue Williman, Margaret Jerome, Karen Katterheinrich, Linda Bagley, Lynne Eikenberry. ROW TWO: Marie Lewis, Karen Sowers, Judy Conn, Janice Hoover, Betty Miller, Alice McMichael, Margaret Scott, Carolyn Hartge, Anne Feecey, Rita Osenbaugh, Sandra Lake, Delores Weck. ROW THREE: Sue Gilmore, Donna Nighswander, Judith Beal, Dorita Hooke, Janet Fauble, Dianne Harden, Jane Johnson, Jane Ann Myers, Sandra Makuh, Barbara Ditto, Jeannean Mohler, Judy Harden, Patty Holtchult. ROW FOUR: Jackie Hoghe, Beverly Dempsey, Caroline Rhodenbaugh, Norma Tinker, Brenda Smitley, Joyce Donnahue, Sally Coombs, Caroline Scott, LaRita Whitcraft, Sandra Willet, Barbara Hirn, Miriam Price, Janice Prior, Dorothy Weck. ROW FIVE: Dorothy Vetter, Shirley Tickle, Joyce Rawlings, Shiela Hallam, Janer Gallespie, Mary Brooks, Delores Burke, Virginia Miller, Marcia Putman, Peg Brown, Nan Cowan, Carol Grindahl, Jan Runnion, Sandra Ramsey. ROW SIX: Binalee Runser, Mauvette August, Mary Marquis, Ella Hoffman, Pat Boroff, Dixie Butler, Mary Carey, Phyllis Lane, Pricilla Weyer, Mary Wells, Joyce Williams. ROW SEVEN: Delores Fisher, Sheila Malinowski, Phyllis Rosener, Jean Bennett, Pat Williamson, Janice Ginzel, Shirley Dustman, Lynnda Leary, Rachel Morris, Beverly Blake, Phyllis Gribler, Linda Poling, Janet Morris.

Those girls wearing snappy blue and silver pins belong to Junior Y-Teens. The Junior Y-Teens is a Christian organization open to all freshmen and sophomore girls. It is sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. and the high school.

More than ninety members belonged to the club this year. The officers are Sue Williman, President; Sue Farlow, Vice President; Margaret Jerome, Secretary; and Peggy Wable, Treasurer. The officers and these committee chairmen comprise the cabinet: Linda Bagley, Social; Anita Tanner, Program; Linda Kirchenbauer, Devotions; Elaine Mericle, Service; Karen Katterheinrich, Pianist; Lynne Eikenbary, Music; Linda Longwell, Publicity; Peggy Wable, Finance.

The Junior Y-Teens meet twice a month, once during the activity period and once at the Y.W.C.A. The cabinet meets once a month also.

The members contributed money and time to the polio drive. To make money, they held bake sales, sold ice cream after school, and sold Christmas cards.

Together with the Senior Y-Teens they sponsored a Valentine dance and presented the Easter Assembly.



CABINET

SEATED: Peg Wable, Sue Williman, Sue Farlow, Margie Jerome.  
STANDING: Linda Kirchenbauer, Elaine Mericle, Linda Bagley, Karen Katterheinrich, Linda Longwell.



MRS. BURKAM, Advisor

# JOURNALISM CLASS



TOP: Dave Hertel, John Blake, Lloyd Earley, Ben Speith. CENTER: Bev Case, Reha Elston, Carol Doner, Joy Preston. BOTTOM: Joan Wells, Ann Helman, Ginger Miller, Jane Good, Alice Jones.



MISS RIMER, Advisor

The Journalism Class this year consisted of 15 members: 11 girls and four boys turned out 11 publications.

The Staff for 1953-1954 was Joy Preston, Editor-in-Chief; John Blake, Business Manager; Beverly Case and Ginger Miller, Circulation Managers; Jane Good and Alice Jones, Girls' Sports Editors; Dave Hertel, Boys' Sports Editor; Karen Brockert and Loretta Huffine, Exchange Editors.

The reporter were Carol Doner, Lloyd Early, Reha Elston, Ann Helman, Ben Spieth, Joan Wells.

Juniors: Gary Stoller and Nancy Waymire; Sophomores: Jerry Gribler and Anita Tanner; Freshmen: Sally Coombs and Nan Cowan.

The Scarlet Quill Platform:

V alue and uphold our school reputation  
W ork toward a high scholastic standing  
H onor those who have made outstanding achievements

S trengthen in the student body that abstract quality called school spirit

Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer again acted as advisor, and everyone agreed that the '53-'54 Scarlet Quill was one of the best in the school's history.



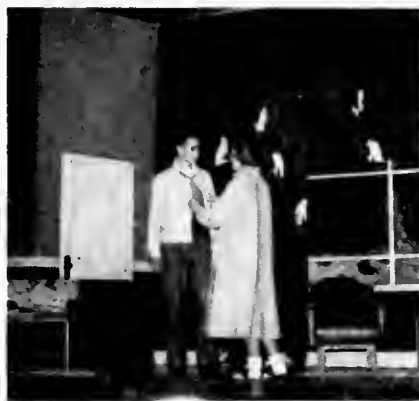
## JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

The Junior Class presented a 3-act comedy by Anne Coutler Martens, "Wish On A Moon", on November 18 and 19.

The story concerns Jerry Latimer, who along with her Mother and Grandmother, has just moved to the city. Jenny is quite at ease in her home life, especially with her understanding Gran, yet a little uncertain in her approach to other people. She does make one special friend in her new environment, Tess. Tess is a lovely girl who accepts life as she finds it and enjoys every minute of it. Tess has a brother Ed, who is very sincere and very friendly. Their older sister, Vivian, has a tinge of resentment about her, but she really isn't as hard-hearted as she lets you believe. Tess's boy friend, Martin, is a slow, easy-going type of fellow who never has too much to say, probably because he never has a chance.

Barbara, an extremely lovely girl, tells her boy friend, Pat, who is also very good-looking, that she will be on vacation at the time of the winter formal. Barbara suggests that Pat take Jenny, about whom Barbara thinks she need not worry. When Barbara comes home on the day of the dance, she really complicates matters. A very exciting scene concludes the performance of a wonderful evening of entertainment.

A group of exceptionally talented students made up the cast of this production. No less credit should be given to their very capable director, Mr. Clyde Coon.



## JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

Jenny .....Nancy Dustman  
 Mrs. Latimer .....Nancy Harruff  
 Gran .....Iona Brenneman  
 Tess .....Carol Eggerss  
 Eddie .....Gary Stoller  
 Pat .....Dan Gorman, Bob Keith  
 Barbara .....Linda White  
 Vivian .....Marilyn Spridgeon  
 Martin ....Dan Gorman, Bob Kieth  
 Stage Managers.....

Ron Bagley  
 Ron Dilbone  
 Don Dunifon  
 Jim Jordan  
 Harry Kouts





## ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

By JOSEPH KESSERING

ABBY BREWSTER .....	Alice Jones, Kathleen Moore
DR. HARPER .....	Chuck Richey
TEDDY BREWSTER .....	John Blake
OFFICER BROPHY .....	Bill Waldron
OFFICER KLEIN .....	Kenny Knittle
MARTHA BREWSTER .....	Loretta Huffine, Bev Case
ELAINE HARPER .....	Sharon McCollum, Joan Wells
MORTIMER BREWSTER .....	Joe Raabe
MR. GIBBS .....	Steve Moyer
JONATHAN BREWSTER .....	Dick Giessler
DR. EINSTEIN .....	Wells Purmort
OFFICER O'HARA .....	Travis Kouts
LIENTENANT ROONEY .....	Phil Tanner
MR. WITHERSPOON .....	Lewie Dustman, Fred Giessler





The Senior Class presented the play "Arsenic and Old Lace" on April 6 and 7 in Lincoln Auditorium.

The story concerns two old maid aunts and their three nephews, two of whom are mentally unbalanced. The aunts aren't so innocent themselves, as they have poisoned twelve men and buried them in their cellar. When the third nephew Mortimer discovers one of the bodies, a hilarious and exciting time is spent by all.





The dramatics department of V.W.H.S. presented four one act plays on March 17 in the Lincoln Auditorium. After the plays the Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss Nancy Harruff, presented the best actress award to Beverly Case, who did an outstanding performance in the play "On the Carpet." The best actor award went to John Blake, who did a tremendous portrayal of a man sentenced to die in the electric chair. Joe Raabe was awarded the best play trophy for his direction of "The Valiant", and competed in the district contest on April 3.



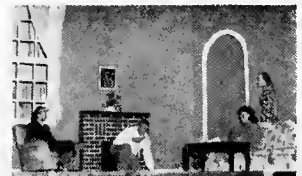
#### THE VALIANT Drama by Halworthy Hall C A S T

Jim Dykes .....John Blake  
Father Duffy ....Joe Raabe  
Warden .....Kenny Knittle  
Attendant .....Stan Miller  
Girl .....Ginger Miller  
Director .....Joe Raabe  
Stage Manager .....  
.....Lewis Dustman



#### ON THE CARPET Comedy by Harold V. Lynch Jr. C A S T

Bert .....Phil Tanner  
Vi .....Beverly Case  
Mable .....Jane Good  
Janet .....Beverly Keipper  
Doris .....Colleen Baird  
Sam .....Lewis Dustman  
Polly .....Ann Helman  
Director .....Phil Tanner  
Stage Manager .....  
.....Roger Poling







## ALL THE RIVERS

Drama by  
Mary Thurman Pyle

### CAST

Mattie Hathaway .....  
.....Joan Wells  
John Hathaway..Jim Yahn  
Mrs. Allenby .....  
.....Sarah Sickmiller  
Mr. Allenby..Tom Kiggins  
Rose Shirley Zinsmeister  
Director .....Joan Wells  
Stage Manager .....  
Marylou Herminghuysen



## HOW TO PROPOSE

Farce by  
Conrad Seiler

### CAST

Lecturer .....Dave Hertel  
George .....Travis Kouts  
Cave Man ....Jack Aurand  
Cave Woman .....  
.....Marianne Edwards  
Sir Morency..Fred Giessler  
Lady Ermintrude .....  
.....Kathleen Moore  
Butch .....Gail Burget  
Cookie ....Nancy Waymire  
Linda .....Carol Eggers  
Kent .....Fred Giessler  
Elaine .....Reha Elston  
Directors..Kathleen Moore  
and Reha Elston  
Stage Manager .....  
.....Stan Miller



# V. I. C.



Don Finkhousen—Plumbing & Heating  
Instructor—Mr. Glenn Finkhousen  
Finkhousen Co.



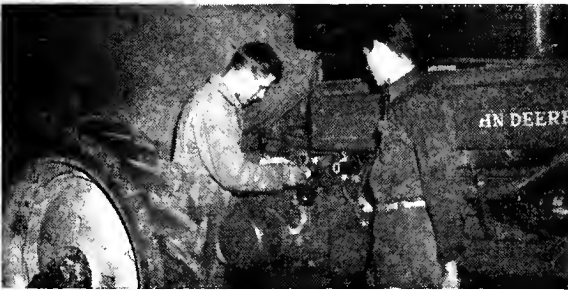
Ollen Jones—Printing  
Instructor—Mr. Loren Mavis  
Van Wert Publishing Co.



Milo Keith—Electric Motor Repair  
Instructor—Mr. Waldo Baker  
Electric Motor Service



Left: Jack Aurand—Radio & TV Service  
Instructor—Mr. Ronald Turner  
Turner Radio & Television



Richard Carter—Auto & Farm Mechanic  
Instructor—Mr. Richard Wagonrod  
Marsh Foundation Service Shop



Right: Maurice Dempsey—Drycleaning  
Instructor—Mr. Harold Smith  
Vogue Cleaners



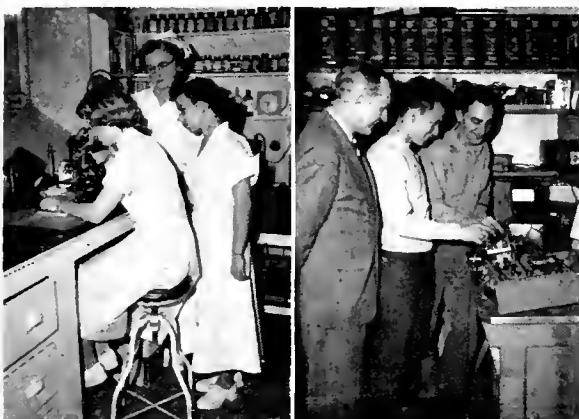
Roger Hartge—Auto Body Repair  
Instructor—Mr. Lewis Haines  
Presler Motors Inc.



Gene Wilson—Baking  
Instructor—Mr. Ray Butler  
Butler's Bakery



Larry Butler—Baking  
Instructors—Mr. Ray Butler  
Butler's Bakery



Left: Sandra Baltzell—Med. Lab Tech.  
Instructors—Miss Katharine  
Murphy and Miss Janet Burtch  
Van Wert County Hospital

Right: Lawrence Krick—  
Radio and TV Service  
Instructors—Mr. Pollock and  
Mr. Dale Crawford  
Pollock Radio & Furniture Co.



Richard Barrientos—Electrical Wiring  
Instructor—Mr. George Gorman  
Gorman Electric Co.



Richard LaLonde—Carpentry  
Instructor—Mr. Gus Brown  
Brown & Compton Builders



Ray LaLonde—Auto Mechanics  
Instructors—Mr. Z. Josz and  
Mr. William Byrd  
Josz Bros. Ford Sales & Service



Jan Farlow—Mechanical Drafting  
Instructor—Mr. Oscar Tinker  
Continental Can Co., Inc.



Nancy Imler—Pre-Nursing  
Instructor—Miss Katharine Murphy  
Van Wert County Hospital



Dean Johns—Carpentry  
Instructor—Mr. Wayne Compton  
Brown & Compton Builders



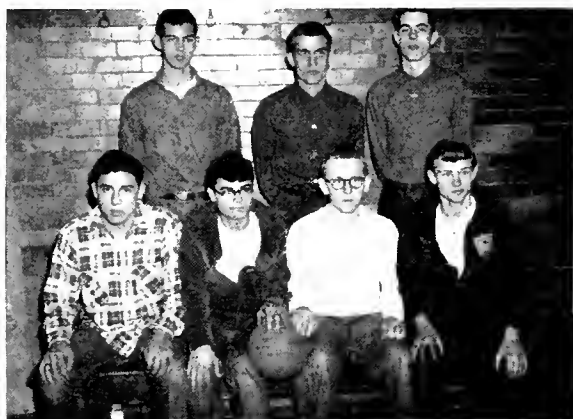
D. C. T. Class in Trade Technology



Jim Hall—Mechanical Drafting  
Instructors—Mr. John Adams and  
Mr. Diamond DeCamp  
National Seal Co.



Van Wert Chapter of the Vocational Industrial  
Club of Ohio



VIC Basketball Team—Y.M.C.A. League

The Diversified Co-operative Training program included:

1. Directed individualized study in trade technology in 13 trades.
2. Job training in approved D. C. T. training stations.
3. Group work in occupational adjustment information and club work for social and leadership training.

Officers were Ollen Jones, President; Richard Carter, Vice President; Nancy Imler, Secretary; Milo Keith, Treasurer; Jan Farlow, Reporter; Richard Barrientos, Sergeant at Arms.

# F. F. A.



ROW ONE: Jim Gilliland, Art Good, John Merkle, Harry Kouts, Fred Giessler, Dan Gorman, Gary Bruni, Ed Grunden, and Paul Sargent. ROW TWO: Dwight Smith, Jim Mager, Don Nighswander, Harold Haight, Trav Kouts, Bill Galloway, and Dale Saams. ROW THREE: Jess Cooper, Dale Perry, Bob Sherman, Tom Giessler, Larry Kreischer, Gerald Slane. ROW FOUR: Howard Fellers, Bill Winters, Walter Grunden, Dick Hummer, Max Grimm. Bill Kreischer, Ralph Unterbrink, Ronnie Brennehan, Jim Wiesman, Bob Mager, Gale Gilliland, and Bill Dias.

The Van Wert Marsh Future Farmers of America started in 1939 with 29 charter members. In 1953-54, 33 members were enrolled. Three of these members have received the State Farmer Degree, the highest degrees which any F. F. A. member can attain in the state. These members were Bob Kibler, Haydn Williams, and Fred Giessler. Three members were elected to executive offices. They were Harry Kouts, Reporter; Ed Grunden, Sentinel; and Fred Giessler, President. The Chapter has received many awards this past year. By winning the state co-operative contest, they were permitted to send their President to the co-operative convention at Columbia, Missouri.

A few of the social activities sponsored this year by the chapter included a talent show, an assembly in conjunction with F. F. A. week, open house combined with an honorary member chicken fry, Parent-Son Banquet, and the annual school mixer.

The officers for the 1953-'54 school year were Fred Giessler, President; Dan Gorman, Vice-President; Gary Bruni, Secretary; John Merkle, Treasurer; Harry Kouts, Reporter; Ed Grunden, Sentinel; and Ralph Unterbrink, Historian.

The chapter advisor was Mr. Dwight Smith.



CABINET

## TOP TO BOTTOM:

Fred Giessler,  
Dan Gorman,  
Gary Bruni,  
Harry Kouts,  
Ed Grunden,  
John Merkle.



MR. SMITH, Advisor



# V-CLUB



LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Bill Dias, Danny Murphy, Charles Parsons. ROW TWO: Red Jordan, Bob Young, Bob Keith, Ronny Lowe, Trav Kouts, Danny McConahay, Stan Miller. ROW THREE: Ronnie Dilbone, Gary Stoller, Roger Agler, Dick Giessler, Jerry Busch. ROW FOUR: Stan Scott, Bill Gipe, Dave Boroff, Gale Gilliland, Chuck Richey, Phil Tanner.

The V-Club is an honorary organization of Van Wert High School open only to wearers of the "V". The letters are earned in football, basketball, and baseball. The managers of these sports also earn a letter.

The club elected the following as officers: Travis Kouts, President; Danny Murphy, Vice President; and Jerry Busch, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Livingston served as advisor.

There was a nucleus of twenty-one members to begin this year. These were Travis Kouts, Danny Murphy, Jerry Busch, Ronnie Dilbone, Roger Agler, Bill Gipe, Gary Stoller, Dick Giessler, Gale Gilliland, Bob Keith, Bill Dias, Bob Young, Phil Tanner, Stan Miller, Jim Jordan, Dave Boroff, Dan McConahay, Charles Parsons, Ronnie Lowe, Stan Scott, and Chuck Richey.

New members are: Gerry Dierks, Larry Feeney, Jim Mager, Howard Fellers, Lester Wisener, Dave Hertel, Bill Emrick, Ron Bagley.



CABINET

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Danny Murphy,  
Travis Kouts,  
and Jerry Busch.



MR. LIVINGSTON, Advisor

# G. A. A.



ROW ONE: Donna Copeland, Emily Crow, Colleen Thatcher, Martha Dunno, Betty Halliwill, Elaine Mericle, Peg Wable, Nancy Waymire, Nancy Haruff, Barbara Gilland, Mary Marquis, Janet Beck, Binalee Runser, Ramona Grimes. ROW TWO: Rose Cambell, Hilda Heath, Shirley Collins, Barbara LaLonde, Maxine Arnold, Linda Bagley, Sue Farlow, Vangie Barrientos, Carolyn Bradford, Carol Eggerss, Joanne Johnson, Marie Geisman, Mary Lou Germann, Starley Agler, Alice May Germann. ROW THREE: Mary Brooks, Alice Smith, Phyllis Rosener, Sheila Malenowski, Carolya Hartge, Janice Hoover, Joyce Rawlings, Jackie Hoghe, Barbara McDonald, Joan Shaw, Peggy Butler, Clarabelle Furrell, Sue Leisure, Sandra Wise, Sue Ralston. ROW FOUR: Jean Taylor, Dorothy Block, Mary Carey, Dixie Butler, Pat Boroff, Phyllis Gribler, Karen Katterheinrich, Beverly Blake, Marcia Putman, Ginoy Miller, Janet Morris, Linda Poling, Mary Weyer, Pat Holtschult, Judy Hardin, Sally Coombs. ROW FIVE: Martha Wermer, Alice Bell, Mary Wermer, Jackie Geisman, Peggy Lamb, Pat Prichard, Mary Wells, Janice Ginzle, Pat Williamson, Peg Brown, Diane Roth, Janice Prior, Karen Sowers, Grace Mefford. ROW SIX: Barbara Smith, Shirley Riley, Donna Rider, Inez Jenkins, Ruby Taylor, Donna Prichard, Janet Fauble, Clara Parsons, Mrs. Rufus Duprey.

The activities of the Girls' Athletic Association started out with the annual hike at the beginning of school to provide the necessary twenty-five points to join the club. In order to earn extra points, the girls participate in such sports as speedball, basketball, volleyball, softball, ping-pong, swimming, hiking, biking, skating, and bowling.

Other activities throughout the year included potlucks for the football and basketball teams, an initiation dinner, a penny lunch, a dance, a play day for the eighth-grade girls, a tea for the mothers, and a banquet held at the end of the year honoring the Seniors and new cabinet members.

Officers for 1953-'54 were Barbara LaLonde, President; Nancy Harruff, Vice-President; and Peggy Butler, Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the cabinet were Vangie Barrientos, Elaine Mericle, Carol Eggerss, Virginia Miller, Mary Brooks, Charlene Halliwill, Joan Shaw, Janice Prior, Clara Furrell, and Shirley Collins.

Due to the unexpected illness of Mrs. Rufus Duprey, our advisor for the past five years, the task fell on the shoulders of Mrs. Nolan, girls' physical education instructor, for the remainder of the year.



CABINET

ROW ONE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Peggy Butler, Nancy Harruff, Barbara LaLonde. ROW TWO, LEFT TO RIGHT: Vangie Barrientos, Elaine Mericle, Carol Eggerss, Virginia Miller, Mary Brooks, Betty Halliwill. ROW THREE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Joan Shaw, Janice Prior, Clara Furrell, Shirley Collins.

# F. H. A.



SEATED: Jan Runnion, Shirley Tickle, Joyce Rawlings, Marcia Ireton, Barbara Miller, Janet McNeil, Jean Taylor. STANDING: Betty Miller, Alice McMichael, Donna Prichard, Ann Feeney, Rita Osenbaugh, Judy Conn, Bertha Myers, Margaret Scott.

*For we are the builders of homes.*

*Homes for America's future*

*Home where living will be the expression of everything*

*That is good and fair.*

*Homes where truth and love and security and faith*

*Will be realities, not dreams.*

This part from the creed of the Future Homemakers of America states very well what the organization strives for.

The colors of the F.H.A. are red and white. The flower is the red rose.

With the theme "Homemaking training today brings happier homes tomorrow" the F.H.A. planned the programs throughout the year. Included was a weiner roast on October 21, an installation of new members, a daddy date night with the girls' fathers

as guests, the annual tea for the mothers at the Ohio Power Co. with a dinner demonstration by Mrs. Paul Imler, and an installation of officers on May 12.

The Executive Council included Dorothy Block, President; Marcia Ireton, Vice-President; Joyce Rawlings, Secretary; Jan Runnion, Treasurer; Jean Taylor, Historian; Barbara Miller, Parliamentarian; Mrs. James Ireton, Senior Club Mother; Mrs. E. L. Block, Junior Club Mother; Miss Mary Sawyer and Miss Juanita Baxter, Advisers.

The Usherette Club was organized five years ago to fill a need for ushers at school affairs. These girls are called upon to usher for any school function such as Class Plays, Vocal Varieties and Band Concerts.

Yvonne Copeland served as president and Mr. Ralph Gallapoo was the faculty advisor.



ROW ONE: Barbara Miller, Jean Hipsley, Eva Kay Kesler, Esther Prishey, Barbara Kesler, Hilda Heath, Yvonne Copeland, Rosie Jetmore, Gloria Schoonover, Mary Mohler. ROW TWO: Betty Miller, Alice McMichael, Judy Conn, Sandra Lake, Ann Feeney, and Rita Osenbaugh.

## USHERETTE CLUB



# RENDEZVOUS



ROW ONE: Peggy Butler, Dorothy Weck, Trav Kouts, Sue Farlow, Danny Gorman. ROW TWO: Nan Cowan, John Saylor, Bob Young, Jerry Busch, Tom Hardin, Larry Feeney, Mary Jerome, John Blake, Reha Elston, Nancy Waymire.

Officers for the Rendezvous Committee for the year were Travis Kouts, President; Danny Gorman, Vice President; and Sue Farlow, Secretary-Treasurer. The advisors were Mrs. James O'Mara and Mrs. J. C. Copeland.

The Rendezvous Committee sponsored the "Snowball", the annual Christmas dance, with music by the "The Campus Owls." They also had charge of the dances held at the Y.W.C.A. after basketball games and the dances every other Saturday night after basketball season.

Members of the Rendezvous Committee consists of two boys and two girls from each class in high school.

Because of the desperate shortage of teachers, the F. T. A.-Future Teachers of America—was organized nationally six years ago. To interest students in the teaching profession is the purpose of this organization.

Activities throughout the year included substitute teaching in the grade schools, attending teacher's meetings, and visiting different colleges in the state of Ohio.

The officers this year were: Judith Nash, President; Anita Tanner, Vice President; Caroline Scott, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Gallapoo is the faculty adviser.



SEATED: Carolyn Rhodenbaugh, Dorothy Weck, Anita Tanner, Judy Nash, Caroline Scott, Sally Coombs. STANDING: Miriam Price, Joyce Donahue, Sandra Dysert, Loretta Huffine, Barbara Gilland, Ann Helman, Joy Preston, Reha Elston, Joan Wells, Sandra Willet, Joyce Williams, Mary Jerome, Bill Waldron, Barbara Hirn.

## F. T. A.



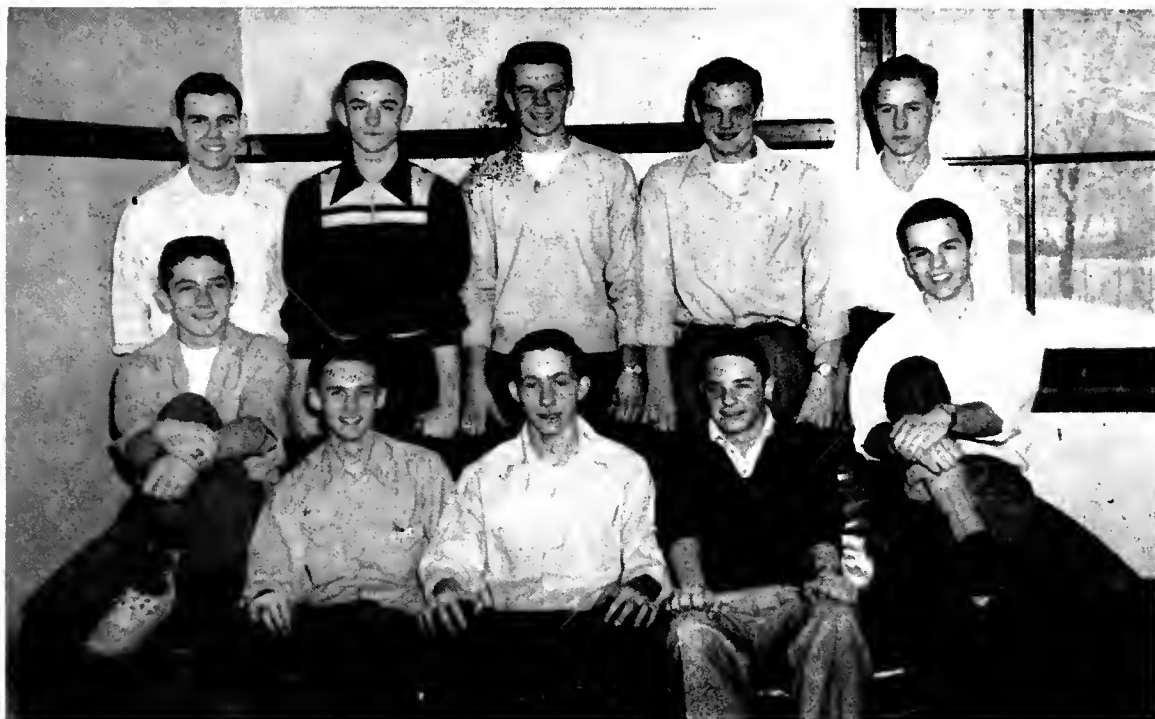
## SNOWBALL

The annual Snowball sponsored by the Rendezvous Committee was held on December 29 in the gymnasium of the Y.W.C.A. "The Campus Owls", an orchestra from Miami University, furnished the music.

A large glistening snowball with many blue lights shining on it was suspended from the ceiling. The walls were decorated in winter scenes and a silver revolving Christmas tree stood in one corner. The stage was covered with foil to give the illusion of snow. The entire setting was to depict the theme, "Blue Moon."



# JUNIOR ROTARIANS



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Steve Moyer, Dave Hertel, Chuck Richey, Phil Tanner, Tom Kiggins.  
LOWER, LEFT TO RIGHT: Fred Giessler, Joe Raabe, John Blake, Danny Murphy, Dick Giessler.



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Joy Preston, Sue Rager, Ginger Miller. LOWER,  
LEFT TO RIGHT: Reha Elston, Kathleen Moore.

# D. A. R. CONTESTANTS



**This Must Have Been Some Party!**



**Stop or I'll Shoot!**



**Stick 'em Up!**



**Put Some Money in De Pot, Boy!**



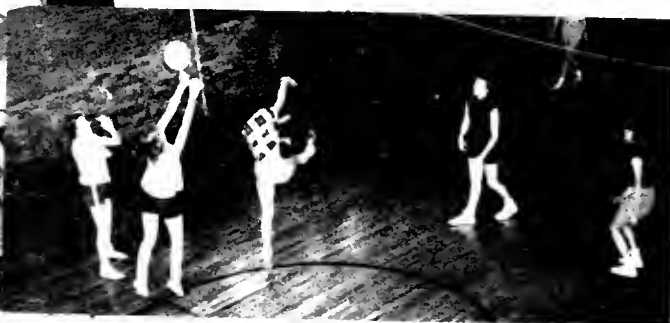
**Absorbed (?) Teachers**



**Gettin' Tired?**



**Genius At Work!**



**Ballet Class, Jane?**



**Typical "Study" Hall!**



**Guess Who?**



**A bunch of the boys —**



**I bid two hearts**



**What have we here?**



**Gail — with hair**



**Queen Kay and her Prince Charming**



**Surprise!**



**Hot Dogs, Anyone?**



**Oh you beautiful doll!**



**Is it on straight, Peach?**



**Curtain Time!**



**Four brave Toreadors??**





**Making Moo-Lah!**

**Anybody for Seconds?**



**Cooks?**

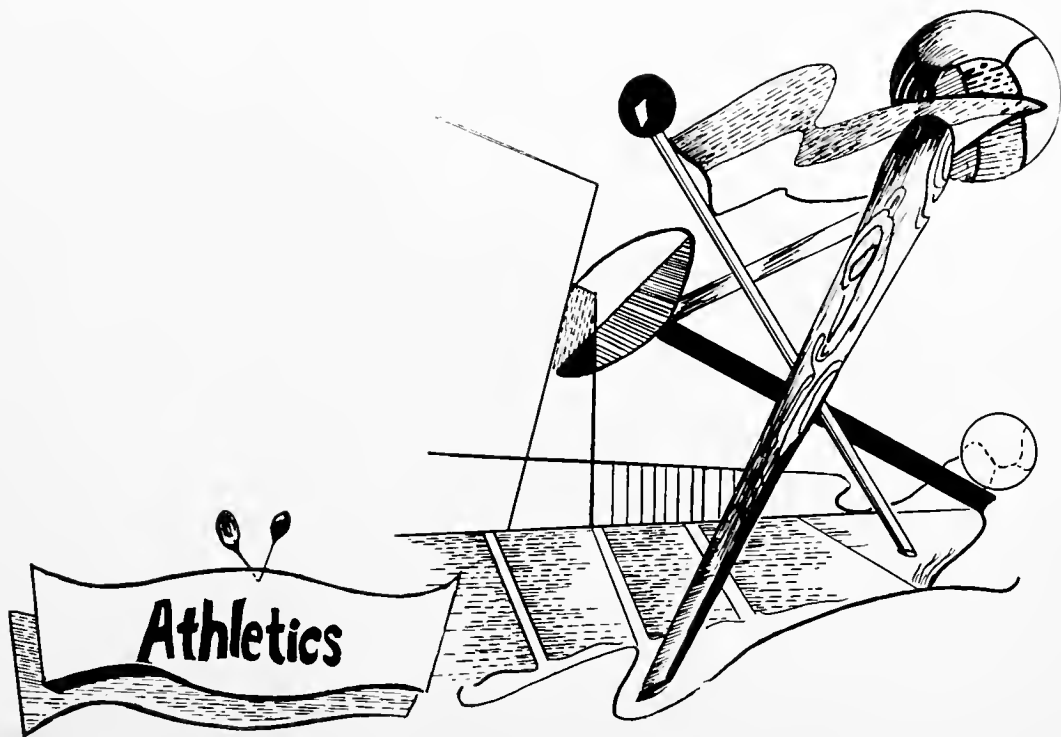


**Hungry, Leen?**

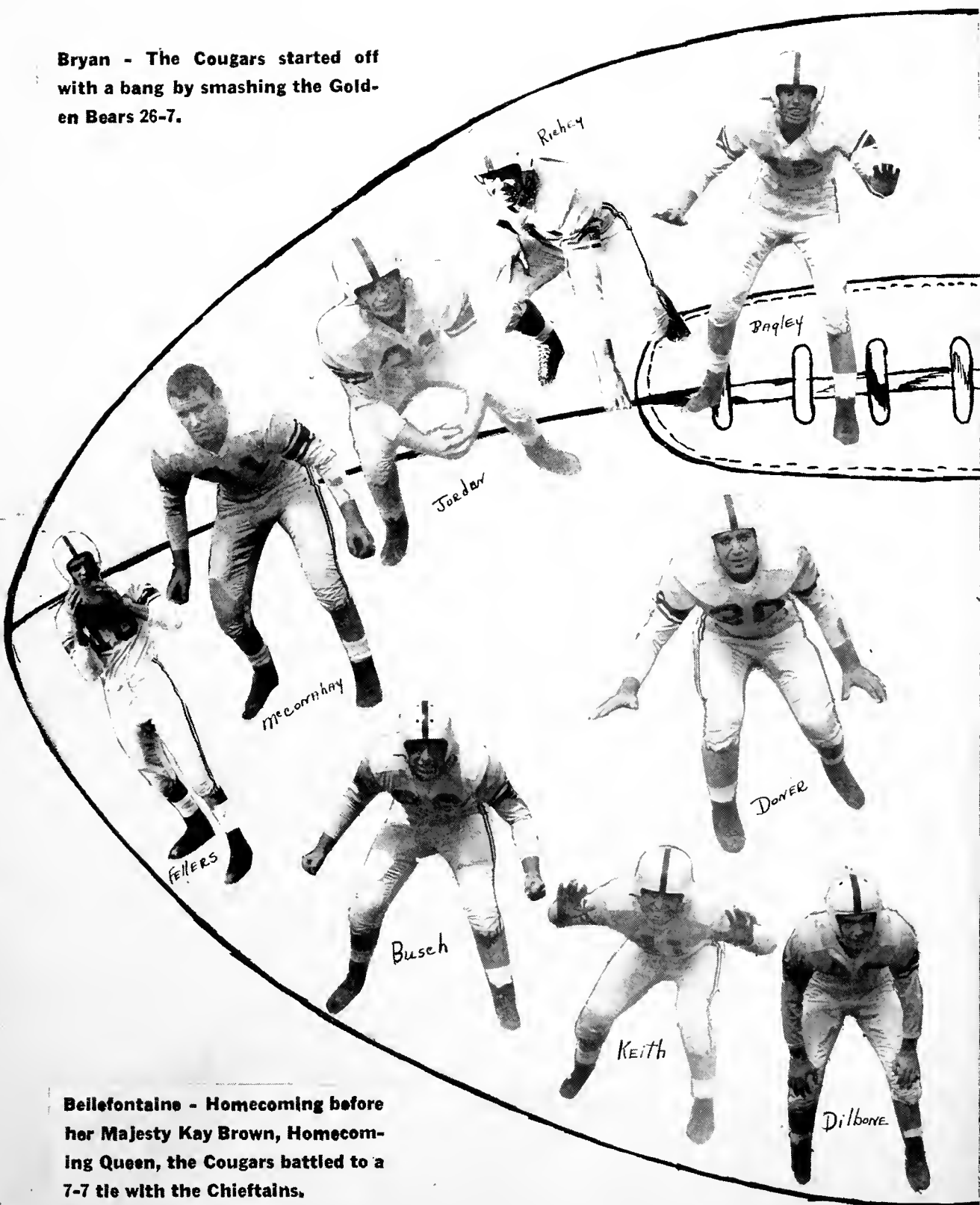


**Matching Pennies?**



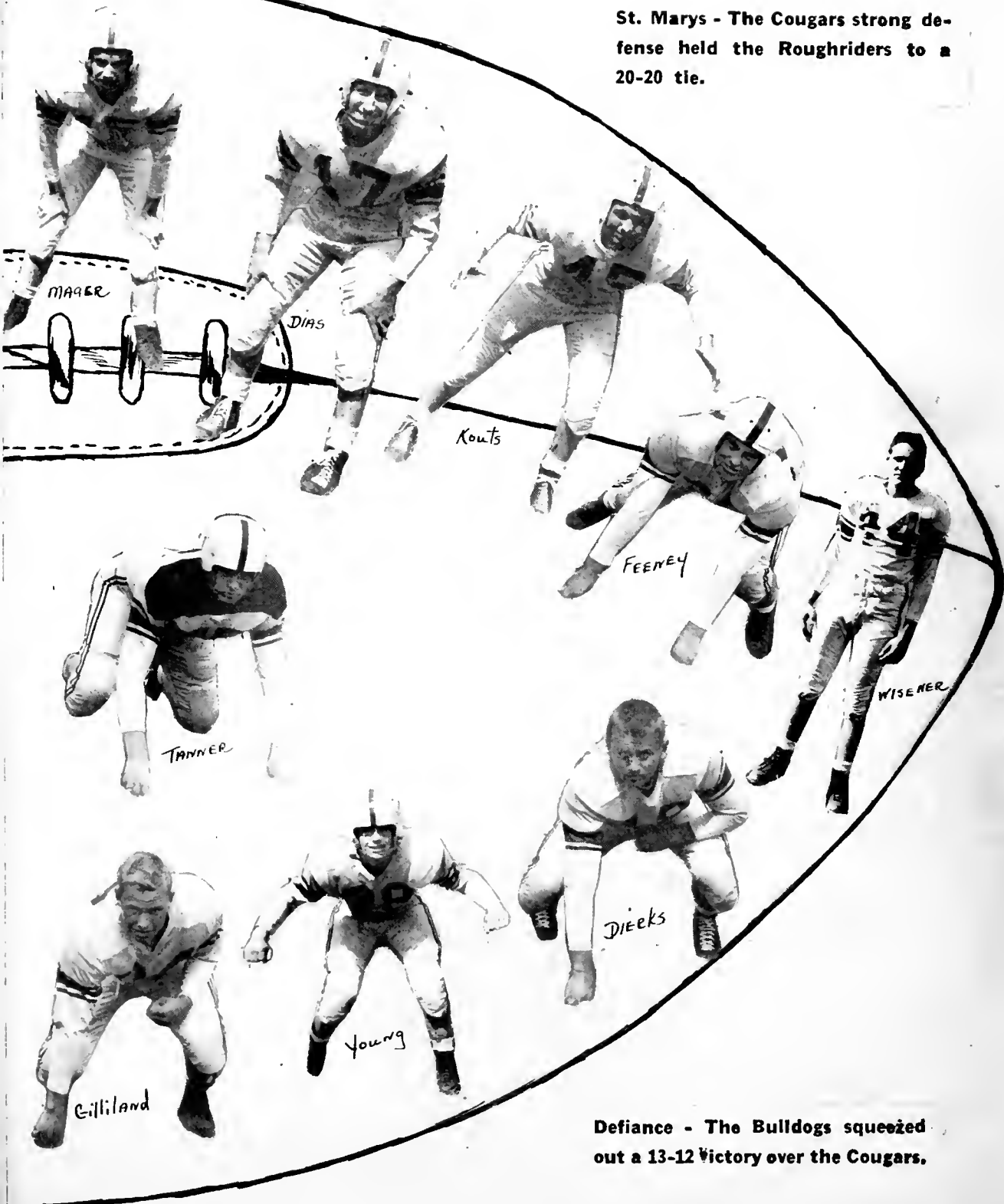


**Bryan - The Cougars started off with a bang by smashing the Golden Bears 26-7.**



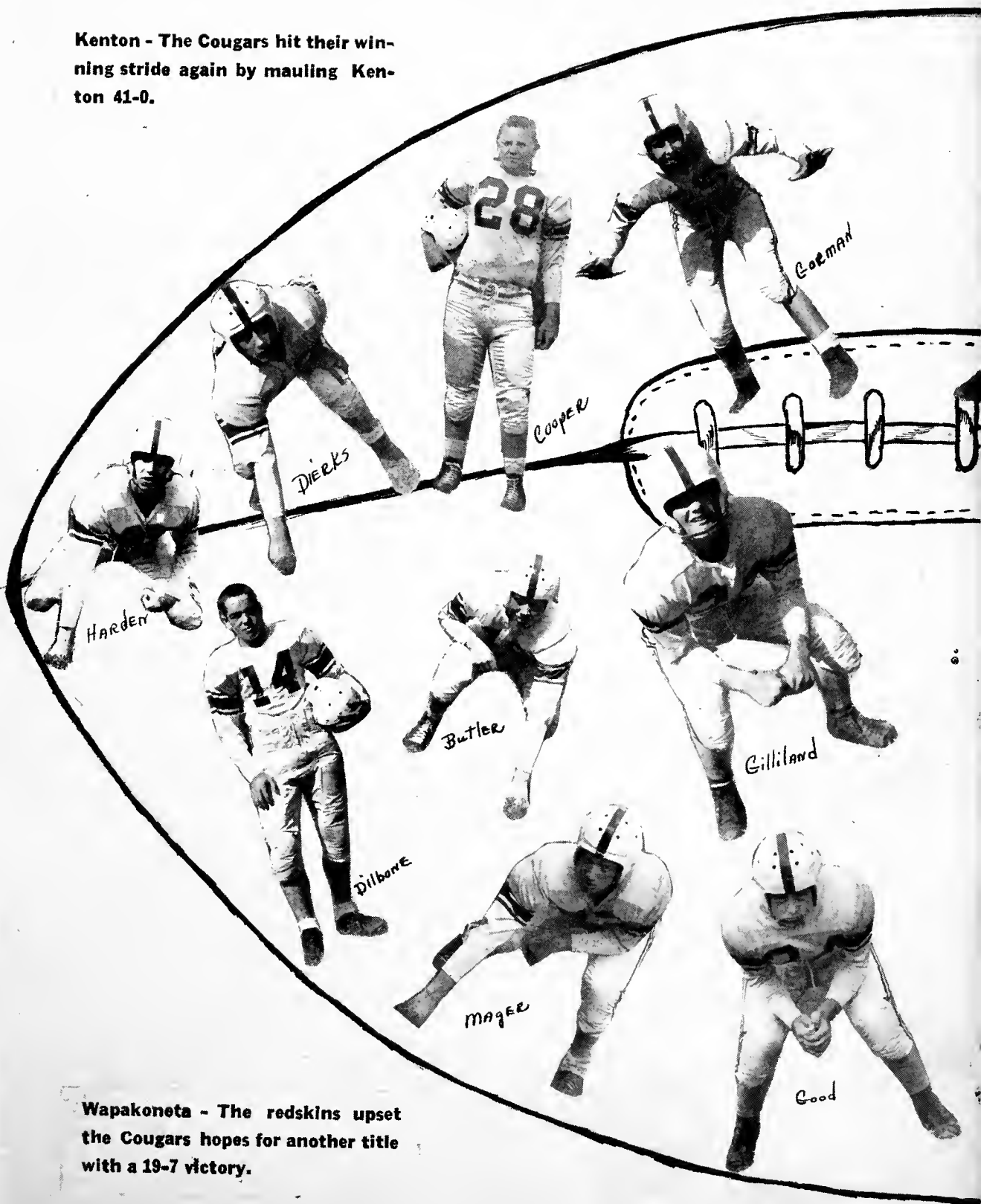
**Beilefontaine - Homecoming before her Majesty Kay Brown, Homecoming Queen, the Cougars battled to a 7-7 tie with the Chieftains.**

St. Marys - The Cougars strong defense held the Roughriders to a 20-20 tie.



Defiance - The Bulldogs squeezed out a 13-12 Victory over the Cougars.

**Kenton - The Cougars hit their winning stride again by mauling Kenton 41-0.**



**Wapakoneta - The redskins upset the Cougars hopes for another title with a 19-7 victory.**





Young carries the ball!



Takes two to tango!

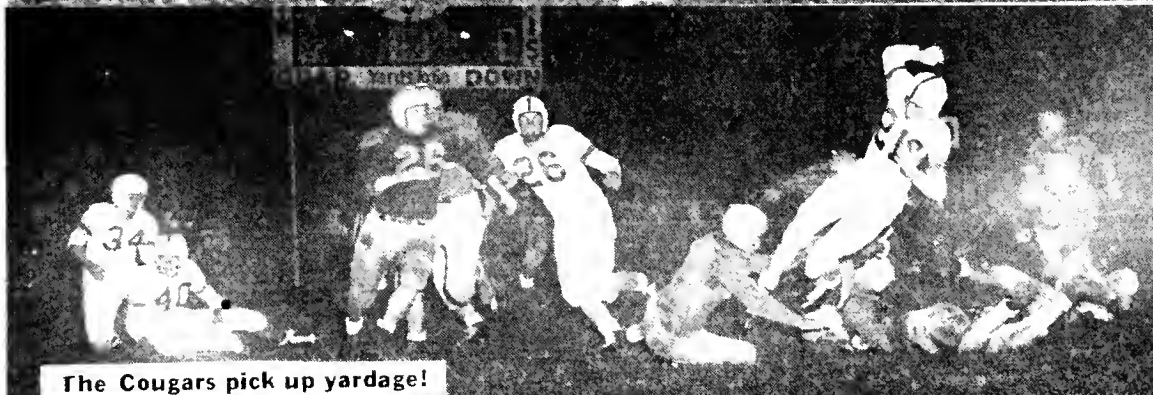


McConahay goes for a cougar gain!





Fellers picks up his blockers!



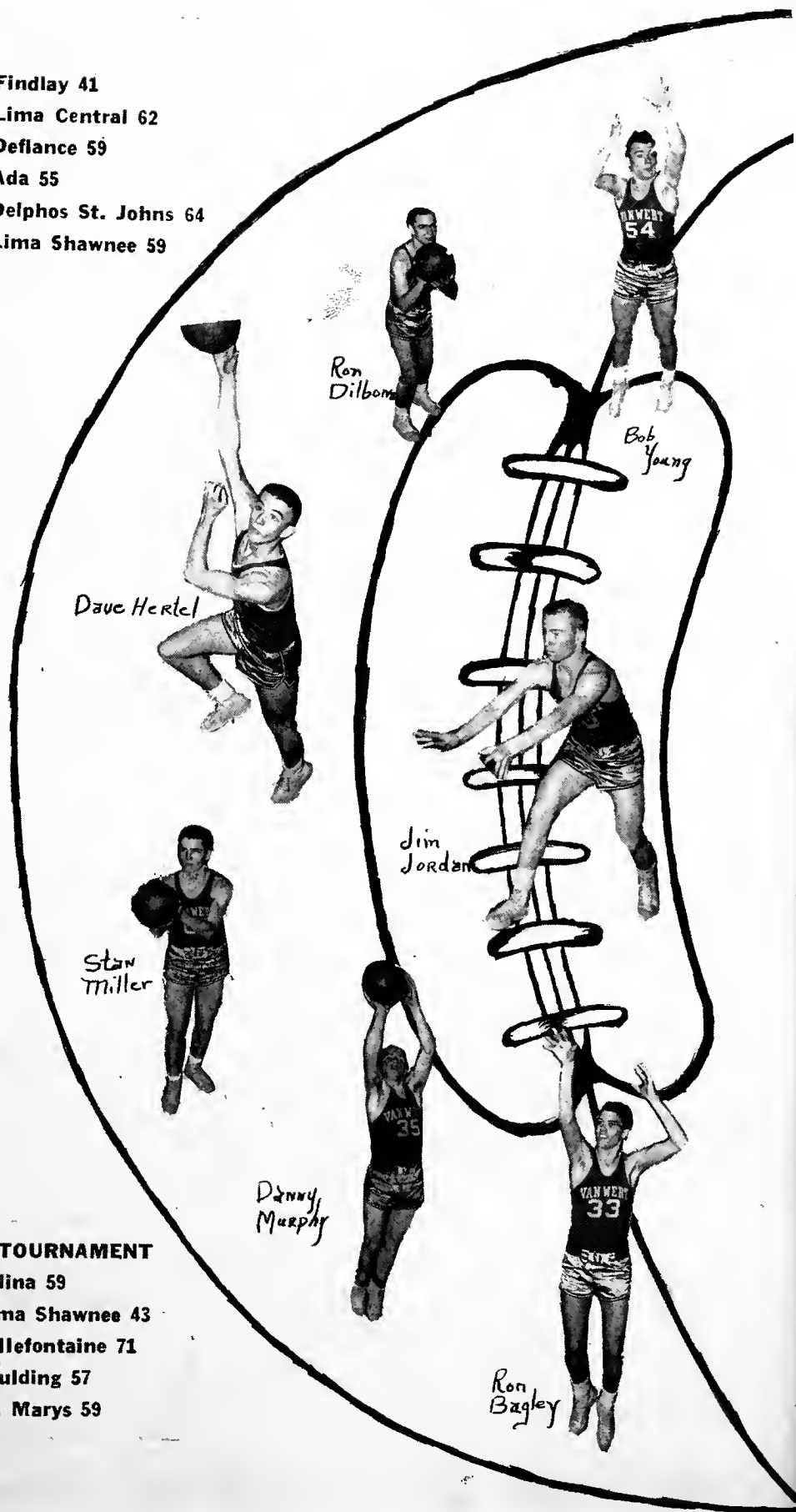
The Cougars pick up yardage!



The Dads of The Cougars!



V. W. 45	Findlay 41
V. W. 57	Lima Central 62
V. W. 48	Defiance 59
V. W. 62	Ada 55
V. W. 65	Delphos St. Johns 64
V. W. 60	Lima Shawnee 59



#### HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

V. W. 60	Celina 59
V. W. 56	Lima Shawnee 43
V. W. 52	Bellefontaine 71
V. W. 63	Paulding 57
V. W. 53	St. Marys 59

V. W. 41	Celina 52
V. W. 61	Xenia Central 67
V. W. 43	Decatur 52
V. W. 65	Wapakoneta 71
V. W. 54	Lima South 66
V. W. 73	Bluffton 62



*Jerry Busch*



*Bob Keith*



*Chuck Richey*



*Larry Winhovec*



*Bill Emrick*



*Sam Haller*



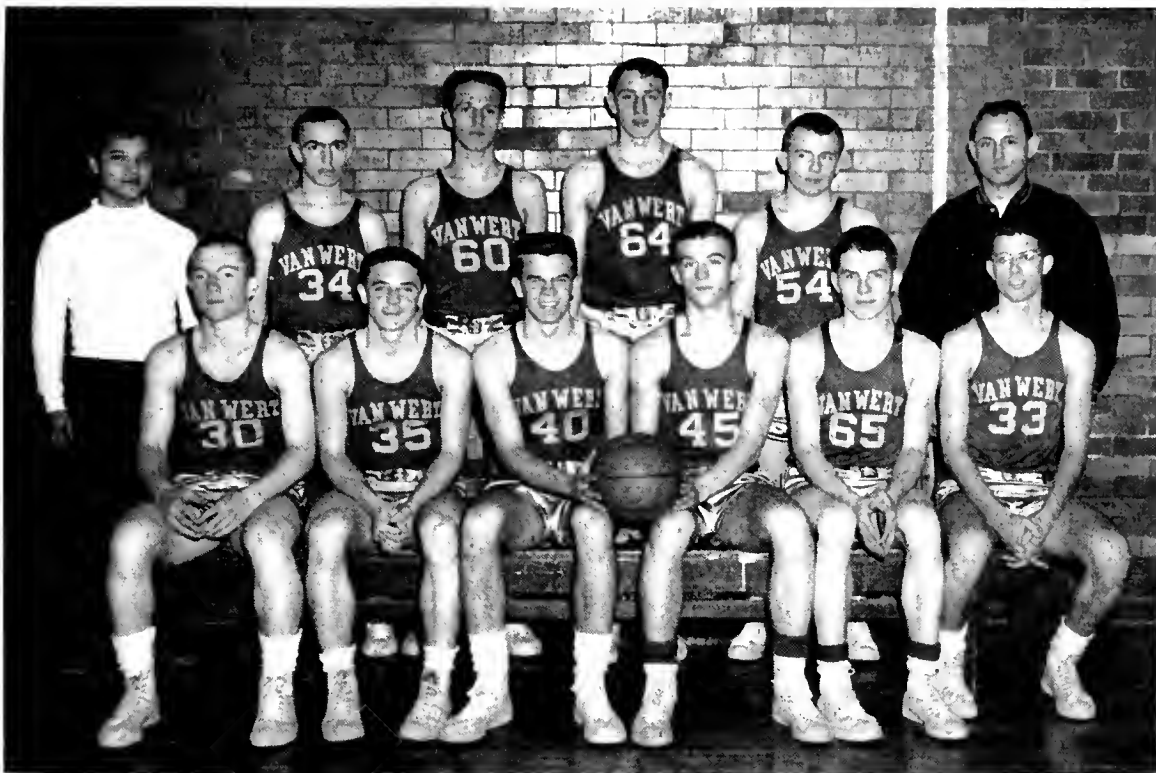
*Tom Hardin*

V. W. 50	Kenton 48
V. W. 71	Bryan 56
<b>SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT</b>	
V. W. 63	Napoleon 45
V. W. 45	Bryan 48



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Manager John Saylor, Ronnie Dilbone, Bob Keith, Jerry Busch, Sam Haller, Larry Winhover, Coach Otis Coon. LOWER, LEFT TO RIGHT: Tom Harden, Kenny Seibert, DeVon Bricker, Marvin Mihm, Jim Dilbone.





TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Manager B. Waldron, R. Dilbone, B. Emrick, S. Haller, B. Young, Coach C. Clire.  
 LOWER, LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Jordan, D. Murphy, C. Richey, D. Hertel, S. Miller, R. Bagley.



OUR VARSITY SENIORS

## RESERVE BASKETBALL

### SEASON RECORD—9 WINS—7 LOSSES

FINDLAY—The Kittens lose to Findlay 42-37.

LIMA CENTRAL—The Kittens lose another thriller 63-52. The Kittens scored freely but couldn't quite match Central's power.

DEFIANCE—The Kittens nip Defiance 46-44. The Kittens controlled the backboards to win this one.

ADA—The Kittens rock Ada 46-37. The Kittens pulled away in the last half to win.

DELPHOS ST. JOHN—The Kittens drop a thrilling overtime game to St. John's 48-47. The Kittens couldn't hold a large lead they had at the half.

LIMA SHAWNEE—Van Wert edged Shawnee 38-37 in a well played game.

BELLEFOUNTAIN—The Chieftains nip the Kittens 31-28.

PAULDING—Van Wert drops another close game 38-35.

ST. MARYS—St. Marys rallies in the last remaining minutes to slip by the Kittens 41-40.

CELINA—The Kittens squeeze by Decatur 40-38 in the last 7 seconds in the game.

WAPAK—The Kittens tromp Wapak 47-39 for their third straight win.

LIMA SOUTH—The Kittens make it four in a row! Edge South 42-40.

BLUFFTON—Five in a row! The Kittens slap the Pirates 44-31.

KENTON—The Wildcats down the Kittens 40-35 in an overtime.

BRYAN—The Kittens end a successful season by edging the Golden Bears 55-50 in an overtime.







COACH CLARENCE CLINE

*Head Basketball Coach  
Head Baseball Coach  
Junior High Football Coach*



COACH GIL SMITH

*Athletic Director  
Head Football Coach*



COACH OTIS COON

*Assistant Football Coach  
Assistant Basketball Coach*



COACH NICHOLAS KLUTKA

*Freshman Football Coach  
Freshman Basketball Coach*





Barbara Smith   Elaine Mericle   Marcla Pulman  
Peg Brown   Nancy Harruf   Nancy Waymire



Vangie Barrientoes



Sue Farlow



Linda Bagley



Caroline Bradford



Carol Eggers



Joanne Johnson



Mrs. Duprey, Adviser



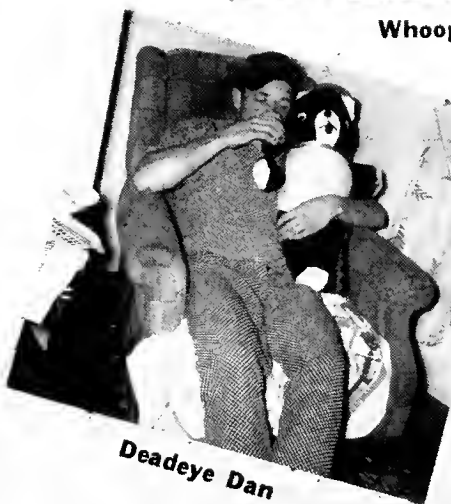
**Big Men!**



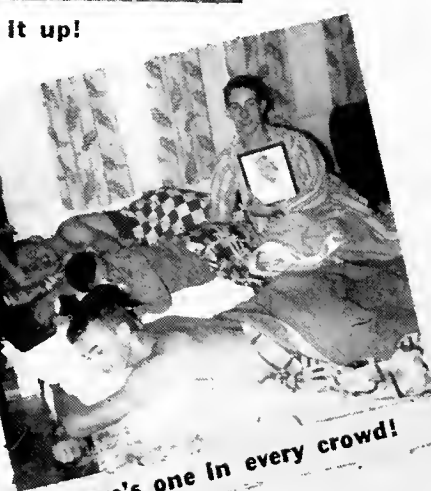
**Six little Indians!**



**Whooping it up!**



**Deadeye Dan**



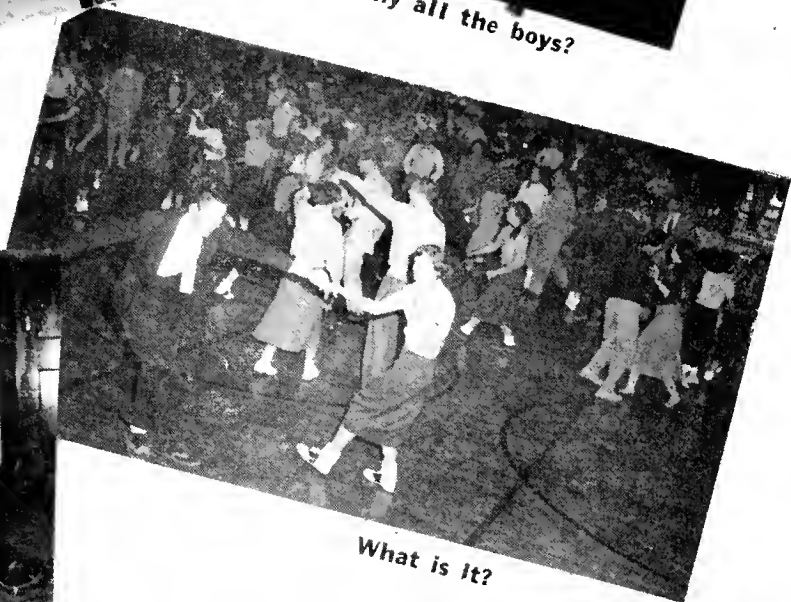
**There's one in every crowd!**



Come as you are!



Why all the boys?



What is It?



3:46 P. M.



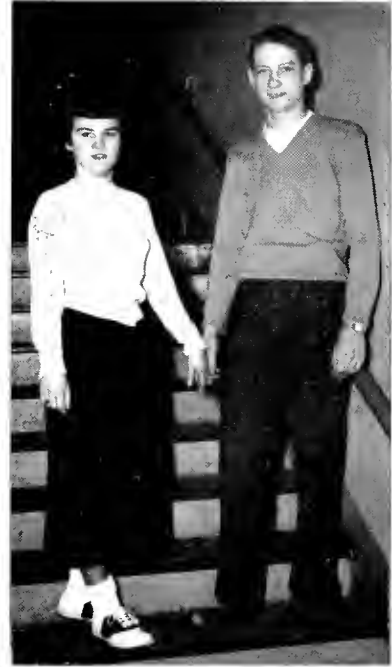
Go, Diesel, go!

# SENIOR SURVEY



*Best Looking—Girl*  
KAY BROWN

*Best Looking—Boy*  
DAVE HERTEL



*Best Dressed—Girl*  
KAY BAGLEY

*Best Dressed—Boy*  
LEWIE DUSTMAN



*Best Personality—Girl*  
REHA ELSTON

*Best Personality—Boy*  
JOHN BLAKE



*Most Athletic—Girl*  
JOANNE JOHNSON

*Most Athletic—Boy*  
DANNY MURPHY



*Best Figure—Girl*  
SHIRLEY SPEAKMAN

*Best Physique—Boy*  
BILL DIAS



*Best Sense of Humor—Girl*  
MARCIA MILLER

*Best Sense of Humor—Boy*  
WELLS PURMORT



*Most Friendly Girl*  
LORETTA HUFFINE

*Most Friendly Boy*  
TOM KIGGINS



*Most Likely to Succeed—Girl*  
KATHLEEN MOORE

*Most Likely to Succeed—Boy*  
CHUCK RICHEY



*Biggest Coquette*  
GINGER MILLER

*Biggest Coquette*  
TRAVIS KOUTS



*Most Studious Girl*  
ANN HELMAN

*Most Studious Boy*  
DICK GIESSLER

# BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Van Wert High School

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1954 — 6:30 P.M.

STADIUM

---

## PROGRAM

Processional, "March from Scipio".....	Handel
High School Band	
Invocation.....	Rev. C. Frank Mills, First Baptist Church
"Send Forth Thy Spirit" .....	Schueky
High School Choir	
Scripture Lesson.....	Rev. Howard McCracken, Calvary Church
"Jesus Our Lord We Adore Thee".....	James
High School Choir	
Baccalaureate Sermon.....	Rev. David Miller, St. Marks Lutheran Church
Benediction.....	Rev. R. W. Faulkner, Trinity Church
"God Be With You".....	Tomer
High School Choir	
Recessional "March from Four Episodes".....	Morrissey
High School Band	

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Hazel Gleason, President

Donald White, Vice-President

Cyril Bechtol - Henry Prior - Walter Tolan

Robert Baker, Principal of High School

R. D. Bennett, Superintendent

F. E. Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Van Wert High School

MAY 28, 1954 — 6:30 P.M.

STADIUM

---

## PROGRAM

- Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance".....Elcar  
Van Wert High School Band
- National Anthem by the Audience.....Directed by Herbert Jones  
Accompanied by Van Wert High School Band
- Invocation.....Rev. Burt Bussard, Wesley Church
- "Ours Is The World".....Morgan  
Van Wert High School Choir
- "Rock of My Soul".....Cain  
Van Wert High School Choir
- Class Address.....Dr. Homer Vanderpool, Dayton, Ohio
- Presentation of Class.....Robert Baker  
Principal of Van Wert High School
- Presentation of Diplomas:  
Hazel Gleason, Pres., Board of Education  
Donald White, V-Pres., Board of Education
- Presentation of Awards:  
Mary C. Wisener, Memorial Award.....Robert Baker  
Black Inc., Award.....C. F. Ross  
The Wayland, Purmort, Berger Award.....C. F. Ross
- "America," by the Audience.....Directed by Herbert Jones  
Accompanied by Van Wert High School Band
- Benediction.....Rev. J. Miller Gold
- Recessional, "March from Scipio".....Handel  
Van Wert High School Band



## PROM

"Medley in Fantasy" was selected as the theme of the Junior-Senior Prom of 1954. The music was provided by Hal Kern and his orchestra. The stage was in a foil shell effect with floodlights of different colors shining on it. The ceiling was entwined with pink and aqua crepe paper; the black walls were decorated with objects of modern art. Situated in various places on the floor were three diamond disks, wrapped in foil, which were made to sparkle by floodlights.

Dick Giessler acted as our master of ceremonies. Junior class president, Danny Murphy, welcomed the Seniors; and Dick Packer, Senior president, responded. "The Girls' Barbershop Sextette", consisting of Betty Lou Bolinger, Karen Brockert, Elaine Fast, Laurie Gold, Jean Purdy, and Shirley Zinsmeister, sang several novelty songs; and Marianne Edwards and Karen Brockert played two piano duets.

The grand march was led by Danny Murphy and Kay Brown.

---

## Last Wills and Testaments

## SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

Time: 2000 A.D., all the Seniors of '54 are lined up in front of the Pearly Gates after a long, well-lived (?) life. They are anxiously giving an account of themselves to St. Peter, who is taking it down in his Book of Life.

"Fearless Fosdick" Agler had been hired by Martha Brown to find her husband who went out for a glass of milk (?) and had never returned.

Jack Aurand was Lex Barker's chief competitor for "Tarzan" movies.

Kay Bagley had a fashion shop in Middlepoint. Her most outstanding creation was a space suit that was out of this world.

Colleen Baird was head gal on the Sunday night program "John's Other Head."

The name of the business of Vangie and Ric Barrientos' was "How to Improve your Figure or Physique." Ric took care of the figures, while Vangie handled the physiques.

John Blake was the big wheel of Van Wert's Y.M.C.A. His total membership was 57. Half of these were his own. Poor Marcia was all worn out—after washing all those "Y" towels.

Elaine Bollenbacher Blair was in business with her husband hatching little Green Beetles.

Jim Bowersock's biggest supermarket was Bowersock, Bowersock, Bowersock, and Bowersock. It was opened and operated by Bowersock, Bowersock, and Bowersock. Ooops! and Bowersock.

Carolyn Bradford's laugh was in great demand, so she was hired by comedian Kenny "Hope" Knittle to sit in his audiences and giggle.

Karen Brockert's new recording of "Come Under the Bridge" passed the million mark.

Kay Brown was voted the neatest lapful in Ohio.

Gail Burget was a good-will ambassador between Van Wert and Rockford.

Richard Carter was married and raising a lot of Carter's little pills.

Bev Case had the honor of being the only girl sax player in Billy May's orchestra. She really enjoyed her work.

Shirley Collins had fulfilled her lifelong ambition of being a physical education instructor. She taught at West Point.

Yvonne Copeland was still puckering on her horn called "Frenchie."

Ron Crowe was head designer at General Motors. He designed cars, not heads.

Maurice Dempsey never fully recovered from the shock of being selected as Miss Armstrong's favorite pupil.

Bill "Atlas" Dias carried the weight of the world on his shoulders, since he graduated from Joan Shaw's Modern Institute of Muscle Technology.

Dig this! Gerry Dierks was owner of Dierks' Diggers of Dirty Dirt.

Carol Doner had her own flower shop, "Poesie's Posies." She had quite a number of little Poesies.

Lewie Dustman and Tom Kiggins had patented a new hair tonic. Their motto is "Curley Mops for Baldy Tops."

Marianne Edwards was on the famous T.V. program, "My Friend, Peachie."

Reha Elston gave driving lessons. Her specialty was parking.

Carol Unterbrink was working for the famous Jan Farlow Dancing School as an instructor.

Elaine Fast was top scorer for Larry McDaniel's all girl basketball team, "The Petunias", who had just won their second straight game, defeating Cavett 316 to 11. Clara Furrell was water-boy?

Dick Giessler had just written a sequel to the "Lost Week-end." It was slightly longer, and titled "The Misplaced Month."

Writing ran in the family as Fred Giessler published a book on "The Proper and Safe Methods of Driving."

Gale Gilliland had been piloting his 1923 hot rod in the Indiana Speedway.

Bill Gingrich rose from the position of chief cook and bottle washer to chief bottlewasher and cook.

Bill Gipe, better known as "Cueball", was well known as a creator of men's hair styles.

Jane Good had been helping Uncle Sam by raising a crop of little Marines.

Jim Hall was back in the saddle again, taking Gene Autry's place.

Kay Halliwill perfected a medicine which she called Kay's Kure for Krazy Kats.

Shirley Height and Sally Worthington were famous historians touring the country just looking for the facts.

Ann Helman had established a new Starr Commonwealth Home for Boys.

Mary Lou Herminghuysen was extremely busy trying to find an easier way to do nothing.

# Fast Mills and Testaments

I, John Anrand, do hereby will my size 14 shoes to Charlie Parsons.

I, Kay Bagley, do hereby will my old typing excuses to Anne Turner who will need them when Mr. Bricker won't let her have any.

I, Colleen Baird, do hereby will my ability to get good grades in Miss Armstrong's classes to my cox lady who says she really needs it.

I, Francis Ballier, do hereby will my ability to hear all the squeals in my car to Ray Tined.

I, Evangeline Barrientos, do hereby will my ability to exercise faithfully to Barbara Smith who wants a little building up.

I, John Blake, do hereby will my determination to grow a "DA" to all the fellows with crew cuts.

I, Jim Bowersock, do hereby will my ability to skip art class to go to the bakery to Dick Hummer.

I, Carolyn Bradford, do hereby will my ability to keep a sober face to Marilyn Spridgeon who needs it.

I, Kay Brown, do hereby will my berth on the Hoor Society to Sue Farlow.

I, Gail Burget, do hereby will my short-haircut to Danny Gorman.

I, Richard Carter, do hereby will my luck of receiving top lockers all four years to Linda Spidler in High School.

I, Beverly Case, do hereby will my ability to have fun anywhere and to laugh at my own jokes to Marcia Denig.

I, Shirley Collins, do hereby will my speedy five year old tennis shoes to Danna Rider if she can keep up with them.

I, Dale Conley, do hereby will my ability to play hooky without being caught to anyone too scared to try it.

I, Yvonne Copeland, do hereby will my ability in shorthand to my little sister Karen Sue.

I, Ronnie Crowe, do hereby will my good grades and attendance to Janet Cowgill.

I, Maurice Dempsey, do hereby will my size 14 boots to anyone that can wear them.

I, William Dias, do hereby will my ability to oeck with gally girls to Charlie Parsons.

I, Gerry Diekls, do hereby will my ability to get along with people to my brother, Ronnie Dietks.

I, Carol Doner, do hereby will my nickname Posie to anyone who likes flowers.

I, Lewis Dushman, do hereby will my ability to get along with girls to Art Good who has a swell start.

I, Lloyd Early, do hereby will to Bill Pootous, my motto, Better late than oever.

I, Marianne Edwards, do hereby will my job of playing the piano for A Cappella Choir for 3 years to anyone who can do it without having a nervous breakdown.

I, Reba Elston, do hereby will my oboe to anyone who's windy enough to blow it.

I, Jan Farlow, do hereby will my ability to drive my dad's car to my sister who can't drive.

I, Elaine Fast, do hereby will my ability to be in a Girls Sextette to anyone who likes to work hard and have a lot of fun.

I, Clara Furrell, do hereby will my dancing ability to my younger sister.

I, Fred W. Gessler, do hereby will nothing to oo one because goodness knows I need everything I have.

I, Richard Gessler, do hereby will a "rabbit" named Hop to our friend Diesel.

I, Gale Gilliland, do hereby will my black 1951 Ford to Larry Houston.

I, Bill Ginzrich, do hereby will my old car keys to my brother Karl.

I, Bill Gipe, do hereby will all my lost pencils to anybody that needs them.

I, Jane Good, do hereby will the gabby part in any one act play next year to anyone who can fulfil the part.

I, James Hall, do hereby will opportunities, fun, and knowledge I got from this school to anyone who wants them.

I, Kay Halliwill, do hereby will my ability to cut up and get by with it to Charlene Halliwill.

I, Shirley "McFelter" Height, do hereby will nothing to no one since Mr. Coon won't let me.

I, Ann Helman, do hereby will my poison ivy contacted at Girls' State to Marilyn Spridgeon, who can get into just as much trouble as I did.

I, Mary Lou Hermingbyusee, do hereby will my excitement of getting into and out of trouble to any V.W.H.S. student who intends to graduate an old maid and live a full life.

I, Dave Hertel, do hereby will my seat on the basketball bench to Jerry Busch, may he ever keep it warm.

I, Betty Hines, do hereby will my ability to get good grades in Shorthand to Shirley Bohner.

I, Loreta Huffrine, do hereby will my majorette boots to Linda Kirchenbauer.

I, Nancy Imler, do hereby will my ability to drop patients with brain concussions on the floor to Phyllis Heffner, a future D. C. T. thermometer shaker.

I, Inez Jenkins, do hereby will my spare church key to Terry Joe Gamble.

I, Mary Jerome, do hereby will my Christmas vacations work on the "Sooeball" to anyone who is crazy enough to do it.

I, Dean Johns, do hereby will my 37 Chev to anyone who wants it.

I, Joanne Johnson, do hereby will my "Superior?" knowledge in Miss Armstrong's math class to any poor unsuspecting junior that fails the Senior Math exam.

I, Alice Ann Jones, do hereby will my "orton" sweater to Peg Wable who doesn't seem to appreciate it.

I, Otlen Jones, do hereby will my parking place in Chev row to Don Tomlinson—which was willed to me by Max Smith and to be carried on throughout the years.

I, Beverly Keipper, do hereby will my ability to get up in time to go to school to Sandra Lake, who needs it badly.

I, Beverly Kesler, do hereby will my ability to do shorthand to my sister Barbara.

I, Eva Kesler, do hereby will my ability to get along with teachers to my little brother Jimmy Kesler.

I, Tom Kiegins, do hereby will my ability in English 4 to anyone who needs it.

I, Kenny Koitdle, do hereby will my torn and spattered art shirt to Danna Rider, who is always spilling paint on herself.

I, Travis Kours, do hereby will my devilish thoughts and deeds to Jerry Busch—but I don't know where he'll put them.

I, Barbara LaLonde, do hereby will my ability to get along with my teachers to anyone who needs it.

I, Bob Lippi, do hereby will my knack of getting into trouble to Jim Geisman.

I, Ronald Lowe, do hereby will my ability to get along with "Coach" Smith to Bill Fowler, who is now football manager.

I, Sharon McCollum, do hereby will my ability to get into trouble without half trying to anyone who is man enough not to try.

I, Dan McConahay, do hereby will my football towel to any player who forgot his.

I, Larry McDaniel, do hereby will my ability to get along with English Teachers to George Greec.

I, Helen Mlace, do hereby will my Health notebook to Marcia Denig who will find use for it as she is taking Health next year.

I, Delores Martin, do hereby will my amnuted tones on the French horn to Beverly Blake who mutes hers too much.

I, Jerry Martz, do hereby will the gym bag I borrowed from Jim Jones two years ago, back to Jim Jones, who needs it very badly.

I, Grace Mefferd, do hereby will my ability to chew gum in senior math to anyone who can get away with it.

I, Carol Miller, do hereby will my cold, clammy hands to Elsone Doner.

I, Ginger Miller, do hereby will my tremendous capacity to say exactly the wrong thing at precisely the right time to anyone who wants to be constantly in hot water.

I, Marcia Miller, do hereby will my former ability to get along with Mr. Coon to anyone brave enough to use it.

I, Stan Miller, do hereby will basketball suit No. 65 to anyone who "thinks" he's man enough to wear it.

I, Kathleen Moore, do hereby will my uncanny ability to understand Chemistry to any oncoming scientist, such as I was.

I, Steve Moyer, do hereby will my first chair in band to anyone who wants it.

I, Dan Murphy, do hereby will my basketball shoes to anyone good enough to fill them.

I, Judith Ann Nash, do hereby will my ability to get along with Mr. Jones to Janice Brown.

I, Roger Poling, do hereby will my ability to be late to school to anybody who is crazy enough to want it.

I, Joy Preston, do hereby will my membership in the SSS's to Carol Grindahl, who likes salt, too.

I, Pat Pritchard, do hereby will my fun in Art class to Harold Brown.

I, Wells Purnport, do hereby will 10 easy ways to reduce book and my bubble bath to "Diesel."

I, Joe Raabe, do hereby will my ability to understand the Farm Program to all the members of the FFA.

I, Sue Rager, do hereby will my chair in band to Peg Wable.

I, Charles Richey, do hereby will my flat-top to anyone who has the patience and ability to grow one.

I, Iritiana Rouse, do hereby will my "church key thumb" to Artie Good, who might need it to years to come.

I, Stanley Scott, do hereby will nothing to no one because I need everything I've got.

I, Janet Shaffer, do hereby will my elastic garters to Diesel.

I, Joan Shaw, do hereby will my smelly old pocky-dotted art shoes to Linda Longwell if she can stand them.

I, Joan Shook, do hereby will my ability to chew gum without getting caught to Dianne Bartlett and Bill Galloway.

I, Robert Shupe, do hereby will my ability to win in pinocchio to Gene Withrow—he needs it.

I, Roxana Smitley, do hereby will my ability to stay out of trouble to my sister Breoda, who can certainly use it.

I, Shirley Speakman, do hereby will my ability to keep my bangs fairly straight to Nancy Dushman.

I, Ben Spearman, do hereby will — w-will — I'm not saying, I may be back next year.

I, Ben M. Spieth, do hereby will my bashed in nose to Jim Flock, who can use a bashed in nose.

I, Mike Spay, do hereby will the old tires off of my Plymouth to Jack Barson's junk yard.

I, Phil Tanner, do hereby will my technique with foreign women to Jess Cooper.

I, Shirley Tomlinson, do hereby will my good humor in Miss Armstrong's class to anyone who will need it.

I, Carol Underbrink, do hereby will my ability to chew gum in Mr. Boweco's driver ed. class to any oncoming driver.

I, Bill Waldron, do hereby will my ability to get along with teachers to Elmer Stuckey.

I, Jack Waldron, do hereby will my ability to argue with Mr. Rauch to anyone foolish enough to try.

I, Joan Wells, do hereby will my seat in speech class to anybody who thinks they could stand it.

I, Martha Werner, do hereby will my ability to get in trouble to Alice Bell.

I, Mary Werner, do hereby will my ability to get to the next class one minute before the bell rings to Dorothy Block.

I, Lester Wisener, do hereby will my ability to skip school to Dave Boroff.

I, Sally Worthington, do hereby will my reserved table by the pin ball machine at Vernie's to Artie.

I, James Yahn, do hereby will my four smooth good tires to my brother Ray—may they never blow out.

I, Margaret Young, do hereby will my ability to smoke cigars without getting sick to Ronnie Bagley or anybody who is silly enough to try it.

I, Shirley Zinsmeister, do hereby will my nick name of "Ziny" to my sister Judy.

## SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

Time: 2000 A.D., all the Seniors of '54 are lined up in front of the Pearly Gates after a long, well-lived (?) life. They are anxiously giving an account of themselves to St. Peter, who is taking it down in his Book of Life.

"Fearless Fosdick" Agler had been hired by Martha Brown to find her husband who went out for a glass of milk (?) and had never returned.

Jack Aurand was Lex Barker's chief competitor for "Tarzan" movies.

Kay Bagley had a fashion shop in Middlepoint. Her most outstanding creation was a space suit that was out of this world.

Colleen Baird was head gal on the Sunday night program "John's Other Head."

The name of the business of Vangie and Ric Barrientos' was "How to Improve your Figure or Physique." Ric took care of the figures, while Vangie handled the physiques.

John Blake was the big wheel of Van Wert's Y.M.C.A. His total membership was 57. Half of these were his own. Poor Marcia was all worn out—after washing all those "Y" towels.

Elaine Bollenbacher Blair was in business with her husband hatching little Green Beetles.

Jim Bowersock's biggest supermarket was Bowersock, Bowersock, Bowersock, and Bowersock. It was opened and operated by Bowersock, Bowersock, and Bowersock. Ooops! and Bowersock.

Carolyn Bradford's laugh was in great demand, so she was hired by comedian Kenny "Hope" Knittle to sit in his audiences and giggle.

Karen Brockert's new recording of "Come Under the Bridge" passed the million mark.

Kay Brown was voted the neatest lapful in Ohio.

Gail Burget was a good-will ambassador between Van Wert and Rockford.

Richard Carter was married and raising a lot of Carter's little pills.

Bev Case had the honor of being the only girl sax player in Billy May's orchestra. She really enjoyed her work.

Shirley Collins had fulfilled her lifelong ambition of being a physical education instructor. She taught at West Point.

Yvonne Copeland was still puckering on her horn called "Frenchie."

Ron Crowe was head designer at General Motors. He designed cars, not heads.

Maurice Dempsey never fully recovered from the shock of being selected as Miss Armstrong's favorite pupil.

Bill "Atlas" Dias carried the weight of the world on his shoulders, since he graduated from Joan Shaw's Modern Institute of Muscle Technology.

Dig this! Gerry Dierks was owner of Dierks' Diggers of Dirty Dirt.

Carol Doner had her own flower shop, "Poesic's Posies." She had quite a number of little Poesies.

Lewie Dustman and Tom Kiggins had patented a new hair tonic. Their motto is "Curley Mops for Baldy Tops."

Marianne Edwards was on the famous T.V. program, "My Friend, Peachie."

Reha Elston gave driving lessons. Her specialty was parking.

Carol Unterbrink was working for the famous Jan Farlow Dancing School as an instructor.

Elaine Fast was top scorer for Larry McDaniel's all girl basketball team, "The Petunias", who had just won their second straight game, defeating Cavett 316 to 11. Clara Furrell was water-boy?

Dick Giessler had just written a sequel to the "Lost Week-end." It was slightly longer, and titled "The Misplaced Month."

Writing ran in the family as Fred Giessler published a book on "The Proper and Safe Methods of Driving."

Gale Gilliland had been piloting his 1923 hot rod in the Indiana Speedway.

Bill Gingrich rose from the position of chief cook and bottle washer to chief bottlewasher and cook.

Bill Gipe, better known as "Cueball", was well known as a creator of men's hair styles.

Jane Good had been helping Uncle Sam by raising a crop of little Marines.

Jim Hall was back in the saddle again, taking Gene Autry's place.

Kay Halliwill perfected a medicine which she called Kay's Kure for Krazy Kats.

Shirley Height and Sally Worthington were famous historians touring the country just looking for the facts.

Ann Helman had established a new Starr Commonwealth Home for Boys.

Mary Lou Herminghuysen was extremely busy trying to find an easier way to do nothing.

David Hertel, a famed psychiatrist, retired after the finance company confiscated his couch.

Betty Hines had given a new idea to her brothers, so now the Heinz Brothers have 58 varieties instead of the monotonous 57.

Loretta Huffine was enrolled in a night school on "How to be a Model Farmer's Wife."

Nancy Imler was voted "Florence Nightingale" of the year.

Inez Jenkins and Tatiana Rouse were translators of the U. N. Assembly. Their most proficient language was pig Latin.

Mary Jerome was first cornetist for the Marine Band.

Dean Johns was president of Dean's Delightful Dozie Mattresses for which Bob Shupe was chief tester.

Joanne Johnson, disappointed in love, had joined the French Foreign Legion.

Alice Jones had a chain of drug stores. Her competitors found they couldn't keep up with the Jones.

Ollen Jones was one of the Jones Boys, about which the whole town was talking.

Bev Keipper made a fortune manufacturing Bev's Bubble Bath.

Milo Kieth and Helen Mace had eloped to Madagascar where they were making a living running a frog farm.

Beverly Kesler was made head waitress at Grace's (Mefford) Greasy Spoon.

Eva Kesler was secretary of the Department of Libraries of Ohio.

Because of his great aversion to the female sex, Trav Kouts had withdrawn from society to become a hermit in the wilds of Ubangi.

Barbara Lalonde published a book—"How to Preserve, Not Pickle, Your Looks."

Bob Lippi made a fortune in Spain teaching toreadors how to sing.

Ronald Lowe reached the high position of manager for the Fort Wayne Daisies.

Sharon McCollum and Kathleen Moore had never ceased arguing about the evaluation of Nabisco and Sunshine products. (Wise up, Sharon. Signed—Kathleen.)

Delores Martin was famous for her bubble dance done with new plastic bubbles that will not explode, crack, or fade.

Jerry Martz bared the secret of his life in a startling 150-page expose—he was born.

Carol Miller was running a glue factory in Colorado. She wanted to stay away from it all, and this helped.

Ginger Miller was editor of "Boy's Life", having had so much contact with the opposite gender.

Stan Miller wrote a book on the rules of basketball, which dribbled for 1001 pages.

Steve Moyer had received a patent on a new school seat with leather head-rests.

Dan Murphy was voted as having the neatest lap in Ohio.

Judith Nash gave Rise Stevens a run for her money. Judith finally got it. The money, that is.

Joy Preston was solo cymbal player in Jim Yahn's famous "Yahnnie's Yoglers of Melodious Melodies."

Kay Preston Murray was selling bird whistles on the Alaskan Highway.

Pat Prichard had her own show called Pat's Pet Peeve Program.

Wells Purmort did research work for Dr. Kinsey.

Joe Raabe invented a new foam rubber tilt-back lounge chair for choir rooms, especially designed for those who have tender backs.

Sue Rager had her own All "Ghoul" Choir with Roxanna Smitely as soloist.

Chuck Richey achieved his desire of becoming Dean of Women at Marysville, a fashionable institution for exceptionally talented women.

Stan Scott was noted for having the largest gas station in the world. He had a total of 369 employees—all girls.

Janet Shaeffer had taken Miss Armstrong's place as Master Mathematician.

Joan Shook could be seen nightly at Binkey's Bar-B-Q, cleaning up on the slot machines.

Shirley Speakman has quietly taken a back seat while her football star husband, Dan, proceeds to the top.

Ben Spearman was scraping gum from the bottom of seats of Radio City Music Hall, having had so much experience at V.W.H.S.

Ben Spieth was selling violets and hand-painted neckties on the corner of Main and Jefferson.

Mike Spray was headed for Burp's Peak in his custom built rocket ship.

John Stuckey and Francis the Talking Mule had collaborated and were making a movie called "Francie and Johnnie."

Sandy Sullivan Baltzell was a private nurse to Dr. Pepper.

Phil Tanner was buying all the people's property after persuading them to leave the cities because of the hydrogen bomb.

Shirley Tomlinson was editor of Merry Males' Mag.

Bill Waldron was last seen arguing, as usual, about what an authority he is on American Government.

Jack Waldron succeeded Cliff Clevenger and was the strongest advocator of depolluting the Town Creek.

Joan Wells, world famous hypnotist, had recently married the Maharajah of Portugal.

Martha Wermer and Mary Wermer had changed the name of their TV program from Who's Who to Which is Which.

Lester Wisener has written a best seller—"Money without Work."

Margaret Young had created a new shoe that will make you three inches taller. Her theme song is "When You and I were Short, Maggie."

Shirley Zinsmeister was found in a secluded corner of Cairo charming her snakes with her clarinet.









